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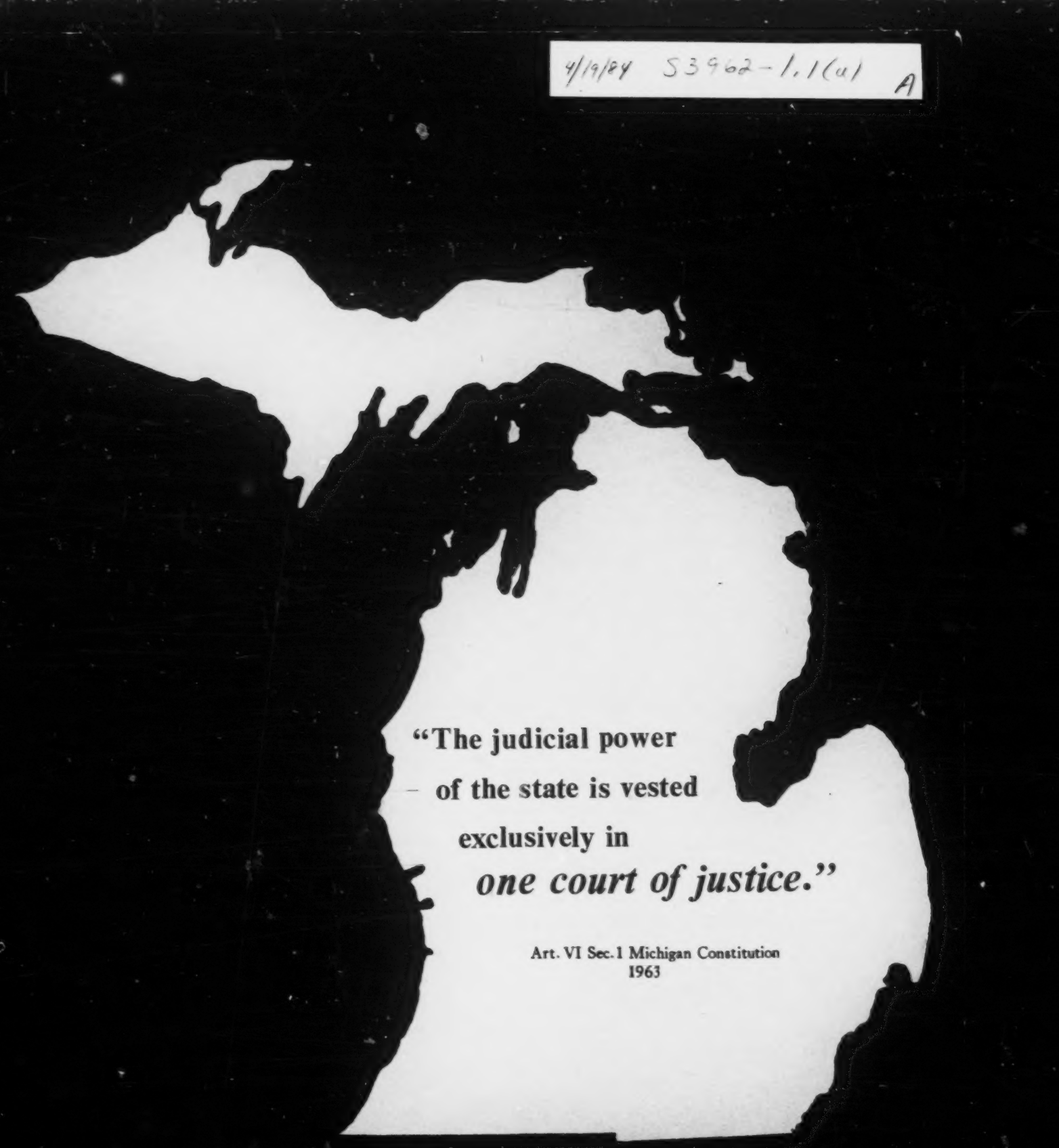

"The judicial power of the state is vested exclusively in *one court of justice.*"

Art. VI Sec. 1 Michigan Constitution
1963

1981-82 Report of State Court Administrator Michigan

To the Honorable Chief Justice
and Associate Justices of the
Supreme Court of Michigan

This report for July 1, 1981 - June 30, 1982 is submitted in accordance with General Court Rule 901.1 which requires, among other matters, the State Court Administrator, under the supervision and direction of the Supreme Court:

"to supervise and examine the administrative methods and systems employed in the courts...

"to examine the status of the calendars of the courts...

"to make recommendations to the Supreme Court relating to the assignment of judges...

"to collect and compile statistical and other data, and make reports of the business transacted by the courts, and transmit the same to the Supreme Court to the end that such statistics and other data may be used in taking proper action in the administration of justice."

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The Supreme Court

THE SUPREME COURT

The Constitution of the State of Michigan
Art. VI Judicial Branch

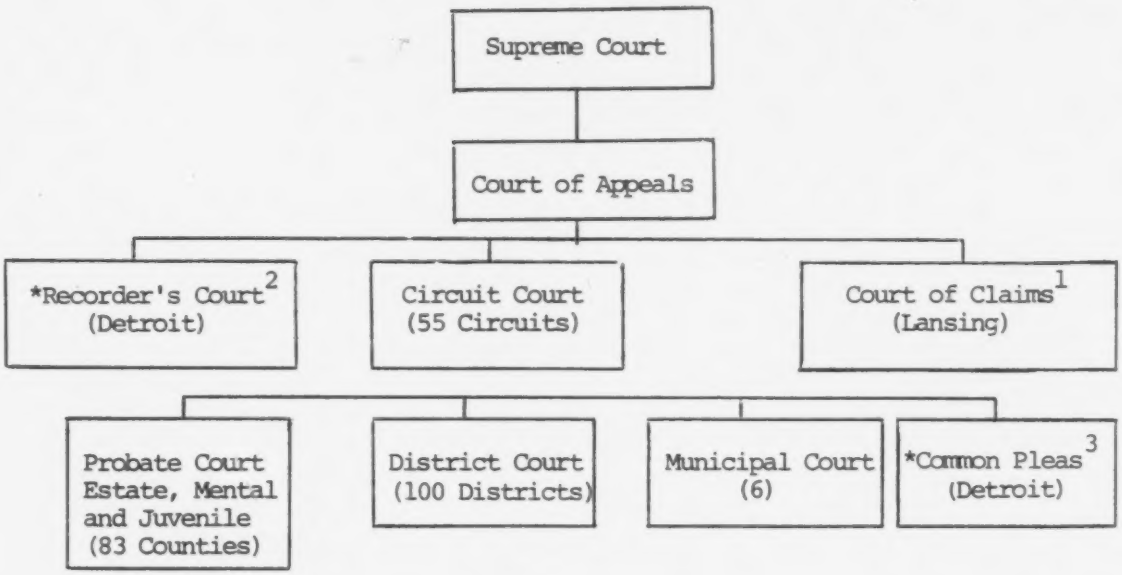
"Sec. 4 The supreme court shall ha e general superintending control over all co ts ..."

Location	Judgeships
Lansing	7

June, 1982

Michigan Court System

July 1, 1981 - June 30, 1982



[1]Hears claims against the State over $100 except where Circuit Court has jurisdiction.

[2]Has jurisdiction in criminal cases arising within City of Detroit; also has Traffic and Ordinance Division.

[3]Has exclusive jurisdiction in civil matters up to $5,000 and concurrent jurisdiction with Wayne County Circuit Court in cases under $10,000.

*The Michigan Legislature passed legislation (Public Acts 438-443 of 1980) to implement the first phase of state financing for trial courts and to reorganize the Wayne County/Detroit courts. The initial phase began September 1, 1981 with the administrative merger of Wayne County Circuit Court and Recorder's Court - Criminal Division and the establishment of the 36th District Court in the City of Detroit. The 36th District Court was created by transferring the employees and functions of the abolished Common Pleas Court, and the Traffic and Ordinance Division and District Court jurisdiction of Recorder's Court to the new court.

This new legislation established a State Judicial Council which is the employer of trial court employees paid by the state. Employees working in these courts on August 31, 1981 and those hired thereafter became employees of the Judicial Council.

State of the Judiciary Message

Presented to the Michigan Legislature

March 23, 1982

by

Chief Justice Mary S. Coleman

Michigan Supreme Court

This is a day I will never forget. Among a myriad of reasons, it not only marks the fourth and long-announced final time I will stand here as Chief Justice to report to you on the State of the Judiciary, but it is the day when the Calhoun County Bar and other "legal people" have chosen to honor my husband Creighton for this his last week of public office in Michigan. This includes his eight years of service across the rotunda in the Senate and twenty-two years as a circuit judge.

Both of us are grateful for the opportunities, through good years and bad, to have been part of the life and growth of Michigan.

It has occurred to me that some of you might expect me to join my husband in his well-publicized (and, through many gifts, now well-equipped) plan for retirement - that is, to clean the basement. —But not so!

There are many goals our Court has yet to realize. The most immediate, of course, is to cope with a partially unconstitutional Michigan constitution - that is, by U. S. Supreme Court standards - and decide how you, the House and the Senate, are to be reapportioned. Only within recent hours have we received the final plans of the deadlocked two parties who comprise the Commission to Reapportion the Legislature. It is possible that it really makes no difference what those plans may be. In other words, as I write this, I cannot say whether all of the 1963 constitutional provisions, excepting that part specifying purely geographic considerations, can be saved or whether all must fail because part was invalidated by the one-man-one-vote decision of the U. S. Supreme Court. (Reynolds v Sims.) It is doubtful that a free-wheeling Commission standing alone will survive. If you think this is for you, who do not know where your election districts will lie, comparable to the "Perils of "Pauline", you should have been a member of my Court over the last weeks. --But more about this later.

In the meanwhile, I will make a few short reports and then hasten to address a major goal which I am sure you are expecting - and I would never wish to disappoint you. That is the eventual fair funding of the courts of Michigan.

While speaking of finances, I gratefully acknowledge a positive response to my former pleas for assistance in resolving ambiguities in the field of governmental immunity law and a problem of increasing distress to schools and various other local and state governmental functions.

A task force has been assembled under auspices of the Department of Management and Budget to chart a course in this no man's land on the legislative-judicial frontier. When recommendations are ready, I earnestly commend them to your serious attention. It is a legislative duty — not a judicial function — to spell out public policy. When you abdicate your responsibilities, the

public turns to the courts. We are ill-equipped to make decisions of such great and unknown economic impact upon public resources.

I renew my suggestion that the Legislature address the separation of powers conflict growing out of legal service for indigents taking criminal appeals. The agencies legislatively provided to oversee this branch of legal advocacy, the State Appellate Defenders Office and the Office of the Assigned Appellate Counsel Administrator, which now is in place pursuant to legislative requirements, should be housed outside the administrative orbit of the Supreme Court. These are executive functions, the same as the prosecutors' function. We can regulate neither, other than order their participation. It is inappropriate for the Supreme Court even to appear to be in charge of one side of a law suit.

While supporting effective appellate counsel for indigent persons charged with crimes, I cannot feel comfortable unless I direct your attention to the imbalance of state services afforded to the "People". The Attorney General has three persons handling the criminal appeals of 65 counties and, in addition, jurisprudentially important appeals elsewhere.

However, I repeat and emphasize my plea that the financing and control of neither side of the lawsuit come under the body which must sit in judicial review of their cases. This will become of particular importance as your provision for state-wide assigned private appellate counsel comes into full implementation. Before leaving this subject, as Senator Guastello and others have said, closer screening is needed of defendants for actual inability to pay, and a recoupment mechanism provided with appropriate legislation for those instances in which reimbursement at a later time is feasible and just.

You have many current bills which impact substantively upon courts, so I cannot here remark upon all. I will, however, mention in passing that I have been following proposed legislation designed to reorganize the Friend of the Court operation so vital to repair the wreckage remaining from broken marriages. With the strong initiative of Representative Debbie Stabenow and the assistance of many persons knowledgeable about this facet of the circuit court, a package of bills is being developed which, with a few amendments and a realistic plan for financing, is worthy of your careful consideration. It addresses both the human and economic problems inherent in divorces, particularly where children are involved. Many or most Friends of the Court are self-supporting at the present time and with adequate planning should be so under the package.

It is appropriate that I speak now of the condition of the courts of Michgan. For the most part, I am proud of their ability to cope with ever-increasing caseloads when many are understaffed and operating in less than adequate facilities. Such crises as there are, are primarily financial in nature and there are too many of those. (E.g., there are a couple of funding units for District Courts threatening to cut off their funding completely because of severe budget problems, but cities cannot unilaterally abolish their legislatively established courts, so we are trying to devise workable plans.)

Aside from the quantity and quality of current litigation, and fiscal problems, we have no raging conflagrations in the state's judicial life.

As many of you know, the Supreme Court, with its administrative arm, has cut back its expenditures by eliminating virtually all publications, terminating positions, closing two of five field offices and, to date, observing payless holidays consistent with the Civil Service Commission's program. The Court of Appeals and

the various Commissions and Boards relating to the Court also have been on this program.

Although those cuts mean that staff members often have to do the work of two or more, we still must plan and go forward towards bringing our own Court and others into the 20th century. Our excellent Court Administrator, Russell Baugh, is trying to work with other staff heads to design a plan of attack on everything from records, which are threatening to push out people, to effective computerization, not only for Wayne County/Detroit, but for the remainder of Michigan courts. We are considering the viability of moving the Judicial Data Center from Detroit to Lansing, to serve also the Supreme Court operations and State Judicial Council. This is not for tomorrow, but plans take time.

In the meanwhile, our judicial education arm, the Michigan Judicial Institute, has become the most comprehensive and effective in the country - in my unbiased opinion. As you and the federal and state appellate courts change the law or rules, the judges and court staff members must keep abreast of the latest developments. This education is inextricably entwined with the human side of the equation. Seventy-six percent of all judges and 2,000 staff members attended the Institute this past year. (10,000 in five years.)

This summer, we hope to implement sentencing guidelines and pass upon a total rewrite of general court rules. I have appointed another committee to draft proposals for much-needed rules of criminal procedure.

Our hard-working Committee to write Civil Jury Instructions has just completed a two-volume edition of instructions published by the Institute of Continuing Legal Education, U. of M. This is important not only to the bench and bar, but to clients who may not then feel impelled to appeal because the jury was erroneously instructed. Great credit goes to Circuit Judge Theodore R. Bohn's committee.

These are but a very few activities of the Court, but I would be remiss if I failed to mention the efficient docket control by the Court of Appeals, with over 6,000 appeals and expecting more. The Court has been modernized in its equipment and is ably headed by Chief Judge Danhof.

Our own caseload consistently has been about one-third of the Court of Appeals numbers. We had about 2,000 cases filed in the Supreme Court last year. Each one of us must act on each case. Again, we broke all records for dispositions. Eight hour days would be akin to heaven.

Although Michigan's figurative Mt. St. Helens has been bubbling, it has not yet erupted over our system of justice. Together, we have achieved much towards containing it.

This four year period when the three branches of government have worked so closely for a better Michigan, we have witnessed a great cooperative achievement. If one more goal can be reached this year, I will count my stewardship as a judicial administrator, coupled with yours in legislative statesmanship, as handsomely fulfilled.

This goal, which I commend strongly to you today, is to put in place the next step in the statutory scheme for phase two of state financing of the entire Michigan court system.

I say -- "the statutory scheme". In this year of agonizing state economic and budgetary distress, I speak not of new expenditures in the present budget nor of the budget for next year.

Instead, I speak of the need, in statutory terms, of spelling out for

the fiscal 1983-84, and for succeeding years, the commitment the Legislature already has made twice in summary fashion to statewide court financing of state courts.

It was a decision to lift from financially struggling counties, in stages, the onerous and growing burden of shouldering the lion's share of operating costs of a state function -- delivery of reasonable and necessary judicial services to all parts of Michigan.

That commitment initially was laid down, in skeletal form, in section 38 of Public Act 111 of 1979, the general government appropriation bill of that year. It was reaffirmed again in skeletal fashion in Public Act 438 of 1980. That was the implementation bill for phase one, reorganization of a major share of its operating expense.

As a commitment to the remainder of the state, a schedule of cost assumption ending in 1988 was included. Also, provision was made for small sums to be spread across all other counties towards stabilization of now widely divergent judicial salaries and retirement realities which fall differently upon each of the three trial court benches in our constitutionally designated "One Court of Justice". We need now to delineate the steps by which the transition will be effected across the remainder of the state, the transition from existing local financing patterns to the promised plan of stability and more uniform delivery of justice.

Fortunately, in developing the required blueprint, it will be possible to build on some legislative foundations which you devised in the Detroit-Wayne County situation.

Already in being, for example, is the State Judicial Council established as the State employer of all state-paid judicial employees.

I am pleased to report to you that the Council, comprised of two district, probate, and circuit judges from each bench, plus the Director of the Department of Management and Budget and the State Court Administrator as Chairman, is discharging its monumental responsibilities with remarkable dedication and efficiency. Individual aberrations in what was a jig-saw puzzle of fiscal schemes have for the most part been addressed and resolved.

The administrative bridge between the 3rd Circuit Court and Recorder's Court (Detroit felony) is in place. To the everlasting credit of the judges, the staff, their union representatives, Mayor Young, and others, and particularly to my colleague Justice James L. Ryan, this gigantic disruption of the status quo has proceeded more smoothly than I ever had dared to hope. The Supreme Court designated Justice Ryan to represent it on a day-to-day basis during the transition, which, of course, still continues in some areas. Adequate facilities represent a major problem. Computerization of those high volume courts is proceeding well as of last report, with as little cost to the state as possible.

Now that the most difficult problems have been addressed and the foundation laid for further implementation of PA 438 of 1980, the task of designing a transition statute has begun with technicians drawn from the three branches of government and under the watchful eye of Dr. Gerald Miller (Department of Management and Budget).

When they are ready - I hope soon - I am confident that they will have the support of the Governor, just as he strongly supported the first phase of this historic move to bring the judicial branch into the present world and to realize the mandate of the 1963 constitution to creat in reality "One Court of Justice".

Personally, of the many prospects of how to proceed to meet the requirements of the 1980 statute that 20% of

court costs be assumed by the state in 1983, the most promising way, based upon the experience of other states, is to adopt a modified New York system of placing all Michigan court employees on the state payroll with provision for an 80% reimbursement from the counties in 1983-84, a 60% reimbursement in 1984-85 and so on until 1988 when the 100% goal would be reached. This would envision a unified judicial budget administration. The revenue and expense picture of each trial court administrative unit would be channeled regularly into a single cohesive statewide accounting center.

This plan would entail a monumental task of preparation both by the State Judicial Council (as the employer) and by our own Finance Department, but it can be done with the lead time between now and fiscal 1983-84.

On its face, any legislation to provide that these building blocks be placed on the foundation of 1980 will require some speed. This Governor, most of this Legislature and this Chief Justice have worked to bring about what many declare to be a miracle of progress in Michigan's fractionalized state system of justice. We have, with extraordinary cooperation, overcome the most difficult and divisive of basic problems. At least part of this reservoir of experience and interrelationship will be absent next year.

In 1980, when only the courts within Wayne County were being considered for funding (provided there was a massive reorganization), many of you from other parts of the state asked what reason you had to believe that the funding units within your districts would also be relieved of paying for a state function over which they had little control - and that only to pay the bills. Representative Virgil Smith and Senator Basil Brown who primarily guided the bills through the Legislature, the Governor and I, among many of you from both parties, committed ourselves to the effort of relieving sorely burdened local government of this state function. The Governor will not be here next year. I will not be Chief Justice and some of you will not be here by choice - and no one on earth knows at this moment what will result from reapportionment of the Legislature.

We have together started a success story for Michigan - not by any Oscar-winning solo performances, but by working jointly during some quite improbable hours and places.

If ever I have experienced a time labeled "Opportunity", it is now for the completion of the structure which we have started.

We remain where we are together for only a relatively short time, so we must act speedily and with coordination and openness. If we can accomplish this goal and a fair apportionment of this Legislature, I will indeed feel blessed.

Returning to reapportionment, for which I left some room towards the end of these remarks, I still have nothing concrete to report to you after this morning's deliberations, excepting that we seem close to a conclusion on the questions of constitutionality. Today is dedicated to an attempt to conquer that mountain standing in the way of final action. I know that this news will not comfort you, nor will the fact that we have labored long hours and days to achieve a resolution based soundly in law and resulting in fair apportionment of the Legislature. I think it is safe to say, minimally, that 1982 will not be a repeat performance of 1972.

Regardless of the outcome, we again, with all of our collective vigor and sincerity, urge the Legislature to draft and pass a joint resolution which would rewrite Article IV, sections 2 - 6 of the 1963 Constitution so that our people can vote on a method of reapportionment. The present

provisions already are either partially — by standards of the United States Constitution - or totally unconstitutional as could be determined by the Michigan Supreme Court. The interesting question then would become: How would apportionment take place? My friends, all of us will have to wait for the next chapter of the decennial thriller -- for which I am determined you will not have to wait long.

Now, it is time for me to express to you my deep appreciation for your courtesies, your good will and for the opportunities afforded me and my predecessors to report to you on the State of the Judiciary and to share mutual concerns. These are more than polite words. In some states, the Legislature and the judiciary do not communicate. Our national government does not follow this practice. Gossip has it that there is a fear that such a tradition really would only result in a glory-grab by the Chief of Justice, hungering for TV exposure. I thought this Chief Justice's problem was the opposite.

Personally, I believe that tradition and protocol have a place in government. For my part, I firmly believe that we public officers — you of the Legislature and we of the judiciary — benefit in the discharge of our duties by consciously and steadily heeding the role of our fellow public servants — whether that role potentially is supportive, complementary or challenging.

A friend of mine - a judge - sent a copy of a speech by former ABA President, William T. Gossett, of Michigan. It was given in 1968. He noted that the times were not placid and that our society was not peaceful. In ending, he spoke of an incident from a Samuel Beckett play. Two tramps were walking along a secluded road when they heard a cry ring out for help. They discussed the risks of becoming involved, noting that the cries were not to them personally, but to all mankind. Then one said, "But at this place, at this moment of time, all mankind is us, whether we like it or not. Let us make the most of it, before it is too late!"

SUMMARY STATUS REPORT, MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT

I CASELOAD, QUANTITTATIVE REPORT, 14 YEAR PERIOD, YEARS ENDING ON 6/30

YEAR	CASES FILED	CASES COMPLETED	CASES PENDING	PERSONNEL AUTHORIZED	PERSONNEL INCREASE SINCE 1969	CASE COMPLETION INCREASE SINCE 1969
82	2,083	1,813	1,648	87	85%	311%
81	1,949	1,713	1,378	87	85%	288%
80	1,850	1,517	1,142	87	85%	244%
79	1,470	1,508	812	87	85%	242%
78	1,636	1,487	850	86	83%	237%
77	1,227	1,145	697	76.5	63%	160%
76	991	1,060	615	72	53%	140%
75	974	786	518	63	34%	78%
74	957	879	411	60	28%	99%
73	811	654	410	56	19%	48%
72	658	693	201	51	9%	57%
71	708	761	310	50	6%	73%
70	504	618	308	49	4%	40%
69	544	441	296	47	0%	0%

The Court completed 1,813 cases in the year ending 6/30/82, the seventh successive all-time record. That is 311% more than were completed 13 years ago or, stated another way, it is 4.11 times as many as were completed then.

Notwithstanding this extraordinary and sustained record of achievement the number of cases pending (under consideration but not completed) is 5.57 times as many as 13 years ago because new cases filed have increased by numbers greater than the completions.

II CASELOAD, DESCRIPTIVE REPORT, 8 YEAR PERIOD, YEARS ENDING ON 6/30

YEAR	TOTAL OF CASES COMPLETED (A+B+C+D)	A. COMPLETED BY OPINIONS	B. COMPLETED BY FINAL ORDERS W/O OPINIONS	C. COMPLETED BY DENIALS OF LEAVE TO APPEAL	D. COMPLETED BY DISMISSALS & WITHDRAWALS	NO. OF GRANTS & PERCENTAGE GRANTED*
82	1,813 (100%)	104 (5.7%)	226 (12.5%)	1,438 (79.3%)	45 (2.5%)	54 (3.2%)
81	1,713 (100%)	80 (4.6%)	249 (14.5%)	1,342 (78.3%)	42 (2.4%)	98 (5.7%)
80	1,517 (100%)	114 (7.5%)	205 (13.5%)	1,179 (77.7%)	19 (1.3%)	84 (6.0%)
79	1,508 (100%)	127 (9.1%)	175 (11.6%)	1,161 (76.9%)	34 (2.2%)	55 (4.0%)
78	1,498 (100%)	96 (6.4%)	130 (8.7%)	1,230 (82.7%)	31 (2.0%)	92 (6.6%)
77	1,145 (100%)	129 (11.2%)	103 (8.9%)	889 (77.6%)	24 (2.0%)	110 (10.8%)
76	1,060 (100%)	135 (12.7%)	166 (15.6%)	733 (69.1%)	26 (2.4%)	121 (13.0%)
75	786 (100%)	113 (14.3%)	110 (13.9%)	546 (69.4%)	17 (2.1%)	107 (15.8%)
AVERAGE	100%	8.9%	12.4%	76.4%	2.1%	8.1%

CASES COMPLETED = Court work completed, jurisdiction relinquished

COMPLETED BY OPINIONS = Self-explanatory

FINAL ORDERS WITHOUT OPINIONS. These are orders issued in response to an application for leave to appeal, pursuant to GCR 1963, 852.2(4) (g) or 853.2(4), reversing, reversing in part, affirming, remanding for specific proceedings, etc., without formal opinion but with specific reasons stated in the order, for the action taken. There is no oral argument in these cases. This is a more summary procedure than the leave granted process which, because it involved printed briefs, oral arguments and formal opinions, takes approximately 20 months longer to complete a case.

DENIALS OF LEAVE TO APPEAL. In general an appeal as of right to the Court of Appeals exists with regard to final judgments of the lower courts. Const 1963, Art IV, § 4, and GCR 1963, 852.1 and 853.1 vest the Supreme Court with the discretion to deny a further appeal.

DISMISSALS AND WITHDRAWALS. Of the few cases in this category, most are dismissed or withdrawn by the action and consent of both parties. Less than ten percent of these few cases are dismissed by the Court on motion charging failure to diligently pursue the appeal.

*GRANTS. Orders granting leave to appeal do not complete Court action on a case. Therefore, they are not included as case completions. The number of the orders granting leave to appeal each year is compared, as a percentage, to the totals of columns B, C and D, not including A. Thus, the percentage accurately reflects the proportion of grants made to applications for leave to appeal acted upon.

III TYPES OF CASES FILED WITH THE SUPREME COURT

Of the 2,083 cases filed with the Supreme Court last year, 2,008 or 96% were applications for leave to appeal from decisions made by the Court of Appeals, or prisoners' requests for relief from decisions of that Court, which are considered in much the same manner as applications for leave to appeal. The other 75 cases filed last year, 4% of the total, consisted of the following kinds of actions: 25 applications for leave to appeal prior to decision by the Court of appeals; 9 applications for leave to appeal from Attorney Discipline Board decisions; 28 complaints for mandamus or superintending control relative to Grievance Board or Board of Law Examiner matters; 2 Judicial Tenure Commission cases; 3 requests from federal courts to certify questions to this Court; 1 request for an advisory opinion; and 7 special proceedings related to the admission of foreign attorneys. This ratio, 96% applications for leave to appeal after decision by the Court of Appeals and 4% all other categories, is the same as the last 3 years and has been relatively constant since the inception of the Court of Appeals in 1965.

Of the 2,083 cases filed, 1,113 or 53% were criminal cases and 970 or 47% were civil cases. Since the inception of the Court of Appeals in 1965 the ratio of criminal and civil cases, preponderating on either side, has stayed within the limits of 6 to 4.

IV MOTIONS AND OTHER SEPARATE ORDERS

With the exception of the column concerning grants in the table in section II, all of the foregoing concerns case completions and final orders of the Court issued during the 12 month period ending 6/30/82.

MOTIONS. During the same period the Court issued 563 separate additional orders on motion matters as follows: 56 orders granting leave to appeal; 19 orders on motions for rehearing; 125 orders on motions for reconsideration; 5 corrective orders issued on the Court's own motions; 65 orders holding cases in abeyance, issued on the Court's own motions; 80 miscellaneous orders on motions for bail, for a stay of proceedings, to tax or not tax costs, etc.; 122 orders issued by the Chief Justice here commonly called "housekeeping orders", e.g., orders on motions to extend the time for filing briefs, to place on or withdraw a case from a session calendar, or for oral argument, etc.; and 91 orders on motions for admission to the bar. In addition to these 563 separate orders on motions there are now each year over 1,000 motions acted upon by the Court where those actions are included within the final order issued which completes the Court's work on the case.

During this same period 104 judgment orders on opinions were issued.

V ADMINISTRATIVE WORK

The Court's administrative workload has also more than quadrupled in the last 14 years. This work stems largely from the Court's responsibility for superintending the judicial system. During the 12 months covered by this report the Court met 19 times in administrative sessions and considered and acted upon 103 agenda items such as Rules changes, sentence review guidelines, fees for appointed attorneys, requirements for admission to the bar without examination, contingency fees, standards for disqualification of judges, procedures and standards for assignment of appellate counsel, public access to court records, foster care review boards, appointments to the various Boards, Commissions and Committees for which the Court has the responsibility to make appointments, fee schedules, the Law Library, disciplinary rules for lawyers and Wayne County Court Reorganization. Analytical and factual reports, some very extensive including input solicited from the bench, bar, interested public officials and the public, are prepared by the Court Commissioners office for the Court and are considered beforehand and then acted upon during administrative sessions. In addition to this more formal method of handling administrative matters, many matters are acted upon, of necessity informally, sometimes by telephone conference.

In 1969 only 15 formal administrative orders were issued. In the 12 months here reported on 67 were issued and, over the last 5 years an average of 52 formal administrative orders have been issued per year.

VI CONCLUSION

The Court has searched for every conceivable means to cope with the problems stemming from the more than fourfold increase in its case and administrative workloads. It has enlarged its staff; utilized the most efficient equipment; and adopted procedures to complete more cases and to complete them sooner. In the year ended 6/30/82 the Court issued 2,547 orders; 1,813 final orders and 734 orders on motions and administrative matters. With trivial exceptions, each Justice must act upon each order. Thus, in the year ended 6/30/82, each Justice had to reach a decision about and participate in the issuance, on average, of 10 orders per day every weekday of the year. The Court will continue to seek greater efficiency in its operation, to achieve greater production without a reduction of the quality of the decisions made, but it is believed that the Court is close to the limit of its capacity.

COURT OF APPEALS

The Constitution
State of Michigan
Article VI Sec. 8

"The court of appeals shall consist initially of nine judges who shall be nominated and elected at non-partisan elections from districts drawn on county lines and as nearly as possible of equal population, as provided by law. The supreme court may prescribe by rule that the court of appeals sit in divisions and for the terms of court and the times and places thereof. Each such division shall consist of not fewer than three judges. The number of judges comprising the court of appeals may be increased, and the districts from which they are elected may be changed by law."

Legend

I	*1st District - Detroit*
II	*2nd District - Lansing*
III	*3rd District - Grand Rapids*

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COURT OF APPEALS

FILINGS	TOTAL FILINGS	NUMERICAL CHANGE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
1975	4,435	856	+23.9%
1976	4,544	109	+ 2.5%
1977	5,274	730	+16.0%
1978	5,248	-26	- .5%
1979	5,499	251	+ 5.0%
1980	5,980	481	+ 8.8%
1981	6,318	338	+ 5.7%
1982	6,911	593	+ 9.4%

	CLAIM OF APPEAL	ALL OTHER FILINGS
1975	3,090 or 70%	1,345 or 30%
1976	3,007 or 66%	1,537 or 34%
1977	3,673 or 70%	1,601 or 30%
1978	3,703 or 71%	1,545 or 29%
1979	3,862 or 70%	1,637 or 30%
1980	4,203 or 70%	1,777 or 30%
1981	4,473 or 71%	1,845 or 29%
1982	4,800 or 69.5%	2,111 or 30.5%

	Change in Numbers of Claims of Appeal		Change in Numbers of All Other Filings	
	NUMERICAL	PERCENTAGE	NUMERICAL	PERCENTAGE
1975	623	25%	233	20.9%
1976	-83	-3%	192	12.5%
1977	666	22%	64	4%
1978	30	.8%	-56	-4%
1979	159	4%	92	6%
1980	341	9%	140	9%
1981	270	6%	68	4%
1982	327	7%	266	14%

DISPOSITIONS

	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982
Written Opinion	1,669	1,953	2,343	2,550	2,790	2,657	3,052	3,246
Order	1,834	2,631	2,445	2,387	2,369	2,536	2,925	3,334
TOTAL	3,503	4,584	4,788	4,937	5,159	5,193	5,977	6,580

	Increase (1981-1982)
Written Opinion	194 or +6%
Order	409 or +14%
TOTAL	603 or +10%

CIRCUIT COURT

The Constitution
State of Michigan
Article VI Sec. 11

"The state shall be divided into judicial circuits along county lines in each of which there shall be elected one or more circuit judges as provided by law. Sessions of the circuit court shall be held at least four times in each year in every county organized for judicial purposes. Each circuit judge shall hold court in the county or counties within the circuit in which he is elected, and in other circuits as may be provided by rules of the supreme court. The number of judges may be changed and circuits may be created, altered and discontinued by law and the number of judges shall be changed and circuits shall be created, altered and discontinued on recommendation of the supreme court to reflect changes in judicial activity. No change in the number of judges or alteration or discontinuance of a circuit shall have the effect of removing a judge from office during his term."

Legend
1 Circuit Number
(3) Number Circuit Judgeships

Number of Circuit Courts	Judgeships
55	165

June 30, 1982

REPORT OF CIRCUIT CASELOAD
STATEWIDE SUMMARY

	LINE	APPEALS: AR CRIMINAL	APPEALS: AV CIVIL	FY CRIMINAL	PERSONAL INJ.: ND/NI AUTO NEG.	PERSONAL INJ.: NO OTHER	FAMILY RELATIONS: DO/DM DIVORCE	FAMILY RELATIONS: DP PATERNITY	FAMILY RELATIONS: DU/DS/URESA/ SUP.	NP PRODUCTS LIAB.	CL LABOR RELATIONS	ALL OTHER	TOTAL
PENDING CASES AT BEGINNING OF THE YEAR.....													
INACTIVE BENCH WARRANTS.....	10	0	0	1205	0	0	348	250	104	0	0	5	1912
INACTIVE NON-SERVICE.....	20	1	36	317	919	561	6108	1245	3572	87	45	3963	16854
SUBTOTAL (LINE 10 + 20).....	30	1	36	1522	919	561	6456	1495	3676	87	45	3968	18766
ACTIVE PENDING.....	40	442	694	10357	6777	4182	36011	3201	4742	690	145	19567	86808
NEW CASES FILED THIS YEAR.....	50	413	785	24411	5634	3791	42460	6470	17320	402	189	27652	129527
SUBTOTAL ACTIVE CASELOAD (LINE 40 + 50)..	60	855	1479	34768	12411	7973	78471	9671	22062	1092	334	47219	216335
RE-OPENED CASES.....													
REMANDS FROM HIGHER COURTS.....	70	8	6	112	7	9	4	1	0	0	2	41	190
PROBATION VIOLATIONS.....	75	0	0	2244	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2244
POST JUDGEMENT PROCEEDINGS.....	80	3	4	483	32	32	20402	1866	3384	9	4	454	26673
APPEARANCE AFTER BENCH WARRANT ISSUED....	90	0	0	982	0	0	189	82	65	0	0	9	1327
SERVICE MADE/ARRAIGNMENT.....	95	0	21	298	2095	1102	12880	2247	4662	161	42	6625	30133
MISTRIALS.....	100	0	0	75	3	3	0	1	0	2	0	7	91
OTHER.....	110	4	20	1607	183	138	1399	270	391	21	8	1011	5052
SUBTOTAL.....	120	15	51	5801	2320	1284	34874	4467	8502	193	56	8147	65710
TOTAL ACTIVE CASELOAD (LINE 60 + 120).....	130	870	1530	40569	14731	9257	113345	14138	30564	1285	390	55366	282045
JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS.....													
GUILTY PLEAS.....	140	0	0	15086	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	15088
TRIALS WITHOUT JURY.....	150	10	14	361	43	24	2159	110	11	5	9	1146	3892
TRIALS BY JURY.....	160	0	0	1456	212	113	0	79	1	28	0	283	2172
DISMISSALS.....	170	124	305	4399	3129	1752	7514	1880	4989	200	64	8799	33155
REMANDS TO LOWER COURTS.....	180	63	82	1190	650	424	2	7	2	29	3	908	3360
NO PROGRESS.....	190	8	37	0	173	186	3305	208	630	5	13	1520	6085
BENCH WARRANTS.....	200	0	4	1475	0	0	357	141	102	0	0	10	2089
OTHER JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS.....	210	161	345	4807	1306	1009	53686	6071	15243	117	80	13281	96106
SUBTOTAL JUDICIAL DISP(ADD 140 THRU 210).	220	366	787	28774	5513	3508	67023	8496	20980	384	169	25947	161947
OTHER DISPOSITIONS.....													
NON-SERVICE.....	230	3	40	384	2326	1331	12970	2549	5223	189	51	7818	32884
TOTAL DISPOSITIONS (LINE 220 + 230).....	240	369	827	29158	7839	4839	79993	11045	26203	573	220	33765	194831
PENDING CASES AT END OF YEAR.....													
INACTIVE BENCH WARRANTS (LINE 10-90+200).	250	0	4	1698	0	0	516	309	141	0	0	6	2674
INACTIVE NON-SERVICE (LINE 20 - 95 +230).	260	4	55	403	1150	790	6198	1547	4133	115	54	5156	19605
ACTIVE PENDING (LINE 130 - 240).....	270	501	703	11411	6892	4418	33352	3093	4361	712	170	21601	87214
TOTAL CASES PENDING END YEAR(250+260+270)....	280	505	762	13512	8042	5208	40066	4949	8635	827	224	26763	109493
CIVIL CASES PENDING OVER TWO YEARS.....	290	0	43	5	795	453	590	264	166	122	13	1827	4278

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CITY OF DETROIT
RECORDER'S COURT - FELONY CASES
July 1, 1981 - June 30, 1982

Cases Commenced	9,654
Jury Trials	575
Non-Jury Trials	979
Cases Disposed	8,312
Pending, End of Year	1,643
Pending Over Two Years	0

The Traffic and Ordinance Division and District Court jurisdiction of Recorder's Court is now reported with the 36th District Court. The Felony Division remains with the jurisdiction of Recorder's Court.

PROBATE COURT

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SEMI-ANNUAL SUMMARY OF JUDICIAL BUSINESS

PROBATE COURTS

The following courts failed to submit reports for the period of July 1, 1981 - December 31, 1981: Cheboygan, Isabella, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, Tuscola.

The following courts failed to submit complete reports for the period of July 1, 1981 - December 31, 1981: Eaton, Jackson, Livingston, Ottawa.

The following courts failed to submit complete reports for the period of January 1, 1982 - June 30, 1982: Isabella, Kalamazoo, Livingston, Ottawa.

STATEWIDE SUMMARY OF JUDICIAL BUSINESS
FOR MICHIGAN PROBATE COURTS

July 1, 1981 - December 31, 1981

	Column B New Activities Commenced	Column C Activities Closed	Column D Activities Pending at end
1. Assignments of Property under $2,500	3,029	2,959	
2. Decedent Estates-Supervised	6,936	6,698	32,184
3. Decedent Estates-Independent	2,254	1,406	6,955
4. Trusts-Inter vivos	78	33	92
5. Trusts-Testamentary	328	330	7,927
6. Mentally Ill Petitions	6,812	6,779	
7. Judicial and Administrative Admissions-DDP	18	17	
8. Guardians-Developmentally Disabled	494	316	4,322
9. *Guardians	1,794	2,073	24,037
10. *Conservators	2,821	1,299	15,030
11. Protective Orders	165	159	
12. Adoptions	3,307	3,543	4,368
13. Escheated Property	853	728	568
14. Change of Name	1,427	1,481	
15. Marriage-Secret	121	111	
16. Marriage-Ceremonies	351	348	
17. Marriage-3 Day Waivers	2,412	2,355	
18. Acknowledgments of Paternity	6,170	6,097	
19. Safe Deposit Box	2,468	2,430	
20. Trust Registration and Wills for Safekeeping	14,094	13,337	
21. Appeals	42	27	
22. Jury Trials	63	63	
TOTALS	56,037	52,589	95,483

STATEWIDE SUMMARY OF JUDICIAL BUSINESS
FOR MICHIGAN PROBATE COURTS

July 1, 1981 - December 31, 1981

Filing Fees Collected-State $200,275.04 All Other Fees Collected-State $1,038,563.80
Inheritance Taxes-State $24,919,725.80 All Other Fees Collected-County $828,475.62

Column B: Represents only the total number of New Activities Commenced during the first six months of fiscal year 81/82.

Column C: Represent only those Activities Closed during the first six months of fiscal year 81/82.

Column D: Represents the total number of Activities Pending as of 12-31-81.

STATEWIDE SUMMARY OF JUDICIAL BUSINESS
FOR MICHIGAN PROBATE COURTS

January 1, 1982 - June 30, 1982

	Column B New Activities Commenced	Column C Activities Closed	Column D Activities Pending at end
1. Assignments of Property under $2,500	3,063	2,980	
2. Decedent Estates-Supervised	7,258	6,947	32,203
3. Decedent Estates-Independent	2,781	1,597	22,978
4. Trusts-Inter vivos	26	33	48
5. Trusts-Testamentary	282	375	7,964
6. Mentally Ill Petitions	7,220	7,031	
7. Judicial and Administrative Admissions-DDP	11 11	8 8	
8. Guardians-Developmentally Disabled	578	312	5,384
9. *Guardians	3,293	2,062	24,897
10. *Conservators	3,058	1,549	17,990
11. Protective Orders	157	156	
12. Adoptions	2,903	2,932	4,221
13. Escheated Property	577	834	100
14. Change of Name	1,571	1,525	
15. Marriage-Secret	90	89	
16. Marriage-Ceremonies	289	277	
17. Marriage-3 Day Waivers	1,899	1,850	
18. Acknowledgments of Paternity	6,612	6,527	
19. Safe Deposit Box	2,541	2,526	
20. Trust Registration and Wills for Safekeeping	16,294 16,294	15,179 15,179	
21. Appeals	65	54	
22. Jury Trials	92	84	
TOTALS	60,660	54,93	115,785

STATEWIDE SUMMARY OF JUDICIAL BUSINESS
FOR MICHIGAN PROBATE COURTS

January 1, 1982 - June 30, 1982

Filing Fees Collected-State	$217,373.00	All Other Fees Collected-State	$1,042,691.55
Inheritance Taxes-State	$25,829,107.59	All Other Fees Collected-County	$870,617.66

Column B: Represents only the total number of New Activities Commenced during the last six months of fiscal year 81-82.

Column C: Represents only those Activities closed during the last six months of fiscal year 81-82.

Column D: Represents the total number of Activities Pending as of 6-30-82.

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PROBATE COURT - JUVENILE DIVISION
DELINQUENCY CASELOAD

County	New Petitions Authorized	Average Monthly Official Active Cases Under Court Supervision During Year	Average Monthly Unofficial Active** Cases During Year	Traffic Citations Received
Alcona	29	21	13	2
Alger	2	1	4	12
Allegan	328	220	NR	50
Alpena	227	98	0	26
Antrim	123	26	NR	22
Arenac	NR	NR	NR	NR
Baraga	53	28	0	22
Barry	57	42	57	29
Bay	403	123	68	377
Benzie	50	38	0	0
Berrien	732	76	94	285
Branch	79	65	2	31
Calhoun	813	NR	NR	23
Cass	149	79	0	60
Charlevoix	106	15	7	16
Cheboygan	125	52	35	19
Chippewa	243	40	15	32
Clare	145	37	10	44
Clinton	235	26	34	52
Crawford	27	88	77	7
Delta	184	381	5	51
Dickinson	166	18	14	24
Eaton	320	47	13	65
Emmet	65	30	2	20
Genesee	1,000	564	331	439
Gladwin	77	38	1	14
Gogebic	68	15	7	33
Grand Traverse	151	199	173	7
Gratiot	103	37*	0*	25
Hillsdale	78	41	29	15
Houghton	157	13	5	27
Huron	109	46	12	41
Ingham	964	224	NR	39
Ionia	145	42	75	48
Iosco	159	52	0	51
Iron	87	49	5	23
Isabella	208	109	NR	37
Jackson	496	305	13	112
*Kalamazoo (3)	191	287	67	35
Kalkaska	45	44	6	8
Kent	702	352	90	675
Keweenaw	0	.25	.08	1

*Incomplete
( ) - Number of months reported
NR - Not reported
**Consent Calendar cases, handled informally

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PROBATE COURT - JUVENILE DIVISION
DELINQUENCY CASELOAD

County	New Petitions Authorized	Average Monthly Official Active Cases Under Court Supervision During Year	Average Monthly Unofficial Active** Cases During Year	Traffic Citations Received
Lake	78	76	19	15
Lapeer	308	262	49	48
Leelanau	55	70	NR	5
Lenawee	234	145	11	99
Livingston	NR	NR	NR	NR
Luce	42	14	.83	10
Mackinac	84	89	.50	21
Macomb	1,280	713	669	1,334
*Manistee (6)	75	NR	3*	3
Marquette	310	79	2	98
Mason	186	45	23	18
Mecosta	51	29	5	15
Menominee	128	39	4	19
Midland	206	203	NR	59
Missaukee	18	20	1	10
Monroe	297	288	164	200
Montcalm	270	54	5	27
Montmorency	25	20	5	9
Muskegon	500	229	0	119
Newaygo	110	38	5	31
Oakland	1,398	701	1,131	236
Oceana	41	15	3	29
Ogemaw	36	17	2	12
Ontonagon	46	13	2	17
Osceola	65	33	3	13
Oscoda	52	25	NR	3
Otsego	80	13	8	31
Ottawa	446	38	36	87
Presque Isle	17	18	7	10
Roscommon	77	19	16	60
Saginaw	621	246	0	744
St. Clair	280	222	20	145
St. Joseph	160	100	0	NR
Sanilac	145	96	0	23
Schoolcraft	29	4	4	27
Shiawassee	179	199	52	46
Tuscola	483	125	NR	21
Van Buren	414	125	NR	61
Washtenaw	506	122	181	214
Wayne	5,398	1,373	161	1,101
Wexford	46	44	NR	7
TOTAL	24,177.00	9,929.25	3,856.41	7,926.00

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**Consent Calendar cases, handled informally

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PROBATE COURT - JUVENILE DIVISION

DELINQUENCY CASELOAD BY TYPE OF OFFENSE
NEW PETITIONS AUTHORIZED

County	Homicide	Robbery	Assaults	Breaking and Entering	Larceny	Stolen Property	Auto Theft and UDAA	Forgery, Including Uttering and Publishing	Vandalism, Including Malicious Destruction	Weapons Violations	Sex Offenses	Controlled Substance Violations (Including Liquor Violations)	All Other	Status Offenses
Alcona	0	0	1	5	2	1	0	0	4	2	1	4	5	4
Alger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Allegan	1	0	20	37	74	1	13	2	30	1	3	34	49	63
Alpena	0	0	2	15	48	2	1	3	21	5	3	69	8	50
Antrim	0	0	3	32	28	6	1	0	0	3	0	12	25	13
Arenac	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Baraga	0	0	1	11	9	0	1	0	1	0	0	16	6	8
Barry	0	0	2	8	12	1	15	0	3	1	1	2	12	0
Bay	0	5	25	107	89	6	26	7	50	11	10	17	50	0
Benzie	0	0	0	6	9	8	0	0	4	0	0	7	6	10
Berrien	2	13	71	140	205	31	14	8	58	8	13	32	100	37
Branch	0	1	7	18	24	1	4	1	3	0	1	6	5	8
Calhoun	0	3	63	96	334	15	15	14	68	6	5	64	61	69
Cass	0	0	9	43	33	8	10	2	9	1	1	12	13	8
Charlevoix	0	0	4	10	16	1	1	0	5	1	2	16	28	22
Cheboygan	0	0	11	16	13	0	0	3	16	0	0	4	24	38
Chippewa	0	4	11	31	28	3	4	5	26	2	1	30	37	61
Clare	0	1	4	39	24	2	0	11	9	2	1	14	8	30
Clinton	0	0	7	53	54	5	4	0	27	6	3	44	23	9
Crawford	0	0	0	10	5	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	5	4
Delta	0	1	4	9	32	12	3	3	7	11	1	17	45	39
Dickinson	0	0	6	14	90	1	4	1	19	1	0	17	10	3
Eaton	0	0	14	54	144	7	11	7	14	0	0	30	31	8
Emmet	0	0	1	18	7	0	3	0	3	0	0	2	14	17
Genesee	3	36	106	263	127	16	45	5	37	15	28	9	105	205
Gladwin	0	0	1	4	19	0	2	0	4	2	2	4	13	26
Gogebic	0	0	0	6	7	1	5	0	6	3	0	8	6	26
Grand Traverse	1	0	11	16	55	8	10	1	9	0	3	10	7	20
Gratiot	0	0	3	14	27	2	1	0	9	0	5	4	18	30
Hillsdale	0	0	2	13	16	2	5	1	7	1	2	7	8	14

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PROBATE COURT - JUVENILE DIVISION

DELINQUENCY CASELOAD BY TYPE OF OFFENSE
NEW PETITIONS AUTHORIZED

County	Homicide	Robbery	Assaults	Breaking and Entering	Larceny	Stolen Property	Auto Theft and UDAA	Forgery, Including Uttering and Publishing	Vandalism, Including Malicious Destruction	Weapons Violations	Sex Offenses	Controlled Substance Violations (Including Liquor Violations)	All Other	Status Offenses
Houghton	0	3	4	11	40	2	2	2	18	0	2	26	34	13
Huron	0	0	4	9	21	2	2	0	3	1	0	4	60	3
Ingham	0	1	63	210	330	43	33	8	46	5	11	28	119	67
Ionia	0	2	6	37	28	3	6	0	12	5	3	3	2	38
Iosco	0	0	2	22	27	1	4	0	14	0	0	12	66	11
Iron	0	0	0	4	11	1	1	0	9	0	0	9	39	13
Isabella	0	0	5	22	64	5	4	3	6	1	1	42	8	47
Jackson	0	4	61	92	88	32	23	7	31	3	6	24	48	77
*Kalamazoo (3)	0	0	17	17	38	5	0	2	9	2	2	4	6	89
Kalkaska	0	0	0	10	11	0	1	1	4	1	0	5	4	8
Kent	0	20	45	226	188	23	49	7	22	2	21	11	75	13
Keweenaw	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lake	0	0	2	9	19	0	3	1	2	1	1	13	11	16
Lapeer	1	0	14	26	62	10	9	1	15	1	4	28	92	45
Leelanau	0	0	0	2	14	2	1	0	5	0	1	12	17	1
Lenawee	0	3	9	44	86	5	18	2	16	0	3	15	27	6
Livingston	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Luce	0	0	1	14	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	13	6
Mackinac	0	0	1	28	2	0	2	2	7	1	1	25	6	9
Macomb	0	28	119	280	347	68	42	1	106	4	32	79	80	94
Manistee	0	1	3	26	13	1	0	1	4	0	2	3	14	7
Marquette	0	0	4	42	49	10	12	3	10	1	5	9	70	95
Mason	0	0	4	17	35	3	6	1	18	2	1	25	52	22
Mecosta	0	0	3	6	6	1	2	2	6	0	3	3	9	10
Menominee	0	0	3	17	25	4	2	9	6	3	0	3	17	39
Midland	0	0	17	24	65	2	6	0	22	5	2	13	32	18
Missaukee	0	0	1	2	5	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	5
Monroe	0	1	15	77	54	6	7	0	13	1	9	32	51	31
Montcalm	0	0	13	14	33	0	2	1	16	5	0	14	153	19

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PROBATE COURT - JUVENILE DIVISION

DELINQUENCY CASELOAD BY TYPE OF OFFENSE
NEW PETITIONS AUTHORIZED

County	Homicide	Robbery	Assaults	Breaking and Entering	Larceny	Stolen Property	Auto Theft and UDAA	Forgery, Including Uttering and Publishing	Vandalism, Including Malicious Destruction	Weapons Violations	Sex Offenses	Controlled Substance Violations (Including Liquor Violations)	All Other	Status Offenses
Montmorency	0	0	0	6	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	9	4	3
Muskegon	0	8	59	121	155	8	20	4	21	6	14	8	69	7
Newaygo	0	0	6	34	27	0	1	4	10	0	1	16	6	5
Oakland	5	51	135	285	308	115	86	11	57	17	25	48	61	194
Oceana	0	0	3	11	7	0	5	0	4	0	0	3	8	0
Ogemaw	0	0	2	8	3	1	1	0	5	0	2	2	2	10
Ontonagon	0	0	1	5	5	2	1	0	1	0	0	21	4	6
Osceola	0	0	7	15	8	4	5	0	3	2	0	5	5	11
Oscoda	0	0	5	21	2	1	3	0	4	0	1	4	2	9
Otsego	0	0	3	11	12	3	2	0	4	1	1	12	26	5
Ottawa	0	1	8	78	135	0	26	8	32	8	10	18	99	23
Presque Isle	0	0	2	4	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	2
Roscommon	0	1	7	4	20	1	3	4	8	0	0	4	11	14
Saginaw	0	2	83	156	125	10	19	4	20	9	16	21	109	47
St. Clair	1	5	20	51	71	22	15	1	13	4	4	13	10	50
St. Joseph	0	3	14	36	52	4	3	1	15	0	4	7	8	13
Sanilac	0	0	9	25	26	4	5	5	9	0	0	16	17	29
Schoolcraft	0	1	3	4	3	2	0	2	3	0	0	1	0	10
Shiawassee	0	0	10	20	47	5	7	4	15	0	4	31	9	27
Tuscola	0	0	10	33	30	2	7	1	9	0	4	28	251	108
Van Buren	0	0	39	68	108	0	24	7	21	0	9	38	37	63
Washtenaw	2	19	56	117	94	24	17	6	38	5	20	9	34	65
Wayne	16	308	651	1,056	562	523	272	13	291	246	168	252	792	248
Wexford	0	1	6	6	13	1	2	0	6	0	1	2	2	6
TOTAL	32	527	1,944	4,551	5,015	1,105	961	203	1,461	425	481	1,506	3,396	2,570

*Incomplete
( ) - Number of months reported
NR - Not reported

PROBATE COURT - JUVENILE DIVISION

CHILD NEGLECT/ABUSE CASELOAD

County	Petitions Authorized		Number of Children		Monthly Average Official Active Cases Under Court Supervision	Monthly Average Unofficial Active Cases
	Abuse	Other Neglect	Abuse	Other Neglect		
Alcona	0	4	0	4	4	.25
Alger	0	3	0	11	1	0
Allegan	4	32	4	32	57	NR
Alpena	1	8	1	27	13	0
Antrim	0	4	0	5	1	0
Arenac	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Baraga	0	8	0	13	2	0
*Barry (3)	0	14	0	17	19*	0
Bay	26	32	49	55	55	0
Benzie	1	8	3	7	30	0
Berrien	76	190	76	190	187	0
Branch	8	29	21	64	39	0
*Calhoun	*	*	*	*	**	0
Cass	6	36	7	38	45	0
Charlevoix	2	60	2	89	11	7
Cheboygan	5	6	5	6	NR	14
Chippewa	1	30	1	47	NR	NR
Clare	11	16	19	28	36	0
Clinton	6	6	10	13	NR	NR
Crawford	2	8	NR	1	14	14
Delta	2	142	2	142	39	9
Dickinson	1	19	3	39	**	NR
Eaton	13	26	13	40	8	2
Emmet	3	17	5	28	9	0
Genesee	86	175	147	302	279	11
Gladwin	7	7	12	7	17	.08
Gogebic	1	12	1	15	.41	0
Grand Traverse	3	16	3	17	NR	NR
Gratiot	1	3	1	3	5*	42*
Hillsdale	1	10	3	13	21	.25
Houghton	2	6	2	12	13	3
Huron	4	32	4	32	46	1
Ingham	22	117	23	121	NR	NR
Ionia	17	40	18	70	8	.50
Iosco	2	6	2	11	2	0
Iron	0	9	0	17	NR	NR
Isabella	6	7	6	13	14	NR
Jackson	0	65	0	95	163	0
Kalamazoo	26	47	45	71	113	NR
Kalkaska	7	11	8	14	NR	3
Kent	67	205	107	343	427	NR
Keweenaw	0	0	0	0	0	0

*Incomplete
**D.S.S. does supervision
( ) - Number of months reported
NR - Not reported

Note: Some courts have included supplemental petitions and petitions for rehearings; some have not, which accounts for wide variations in numbers of petitions authorized.

PROBATE COURT - JUVENILE DIVISION

CHILD NEGLECT/ABUSE CASELOAD

County	Petitions Authorized		Number of Children		Monthly Average Official Active Cases Under Court Supervision	Monthly Average Unofficial Active Cases
	Abuse	Other Neglect	Abuse	Other Neglect		
Lake	3	5	4	10	28	11
Lapeer	6	15	11	21	NR	13
Leelanau	1	5	1	9	7	NR
Lenawee	17	23	28	34	NR	NR
Livingston	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Luce	0	4	0	4	3	0
Mackinac	3	6	18	17	19	1
Macomb	19	91	26	152	163	143
Manistee	9	19	9	26	NR	NR
Marquette	28	52	68	89	81	0
Mason	15	18	15	18	33	0
Mecosta	4	7	9	14	0	0
Menominee	6	12	14	18	13	0
Midland	6	26	7	40	44	NR
Missaukee	2	5	2	12	9	0
Monroe	3	11	5	17	76	NR
Montcalm	40	139	40	139	45	0
Montmorency	0	7	0	11	3	.66
Muskegon	19	158	19	158	198	0
Newaygo	5	9	5	13	NR	0
Oakland	121	213	156	265	295	.66
Oceana	2	13	2	13	4	3
Ogemaw	9	22	9	21	22	.09
Ontonagon	5	3	6	3	4	0
Osceola	2	5	5	6	2	0
Oscoda	1	2	1	2	14	NR
Otsego	1	11	1	17	14	2
Ottawa	8	4	14	7	1	.16
Presque Isle	0	0	0	0	2	.16
Roscommon	5	5	11	14	13	3
Saginaw	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
St. Clair	7	44	9	62	100	NR
St. Joseph	11	22	20	28	NR	NR
Sanilac	3	6	3	6	14	0
Schoolcraft	2	7	2	9	4	3
Shiawassee	4	10	8	27	66	7
Tuscola	43	93	63	155	79	NR
Van Buren	13	60*	19	104	46	NR
Washtenaw	32	144	32	144	NR	59
Wayne	170	1,888	NR	NR	87	0
Wexford	6	23	12	38	65	NR
TOTAL	1,051.00	4,653.00	1,257.00	3,775.00	3,232.41	353.81

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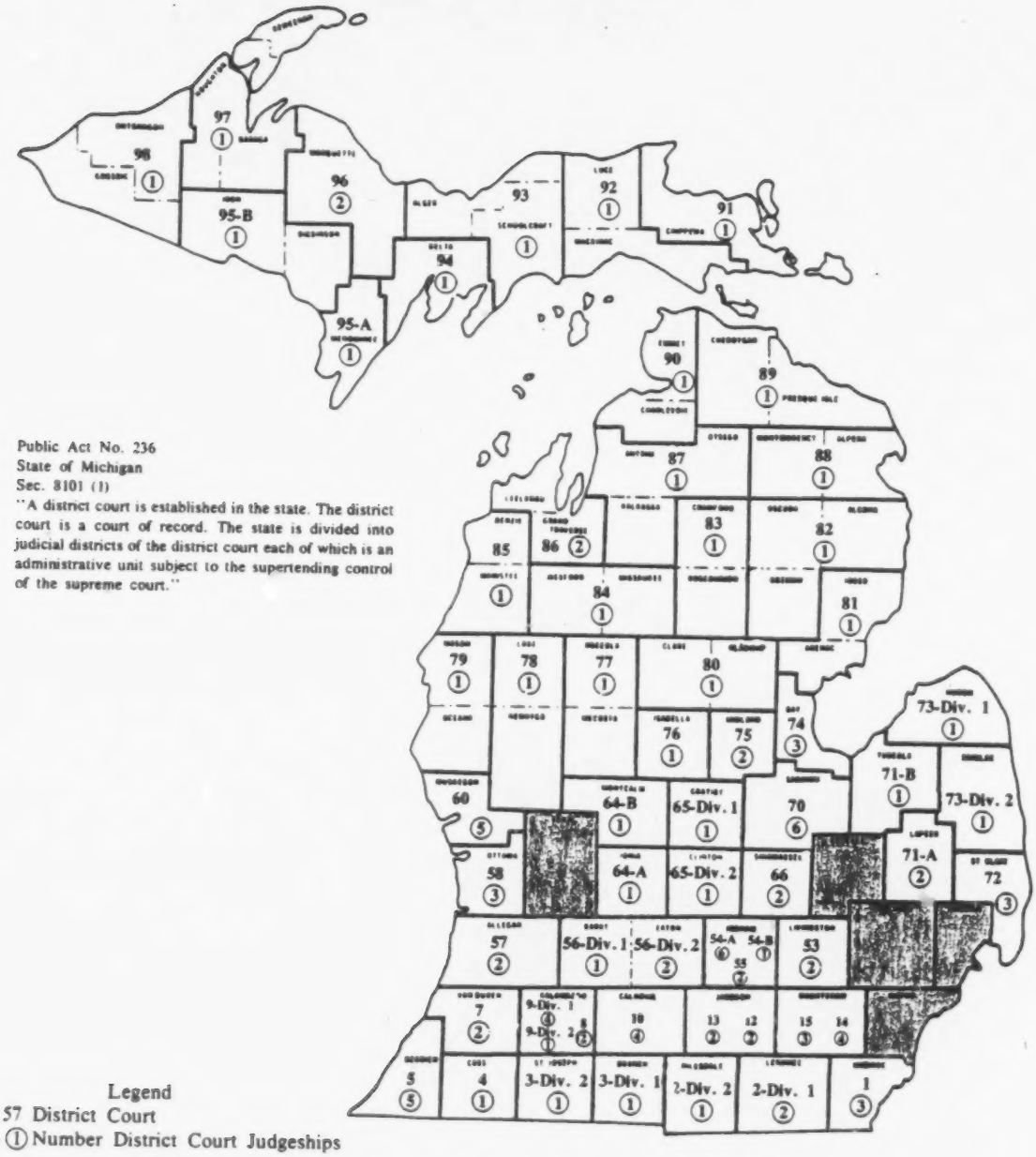
DISTRICT COURT



Public Act No. 236
State of Michigan
Sec. 8101 (1)
"A district court is established in the state. The district court is a court of record. The state is divided into judicial districts of the district court each of which is an administrative unit subject to the supertending control of the supreme court."

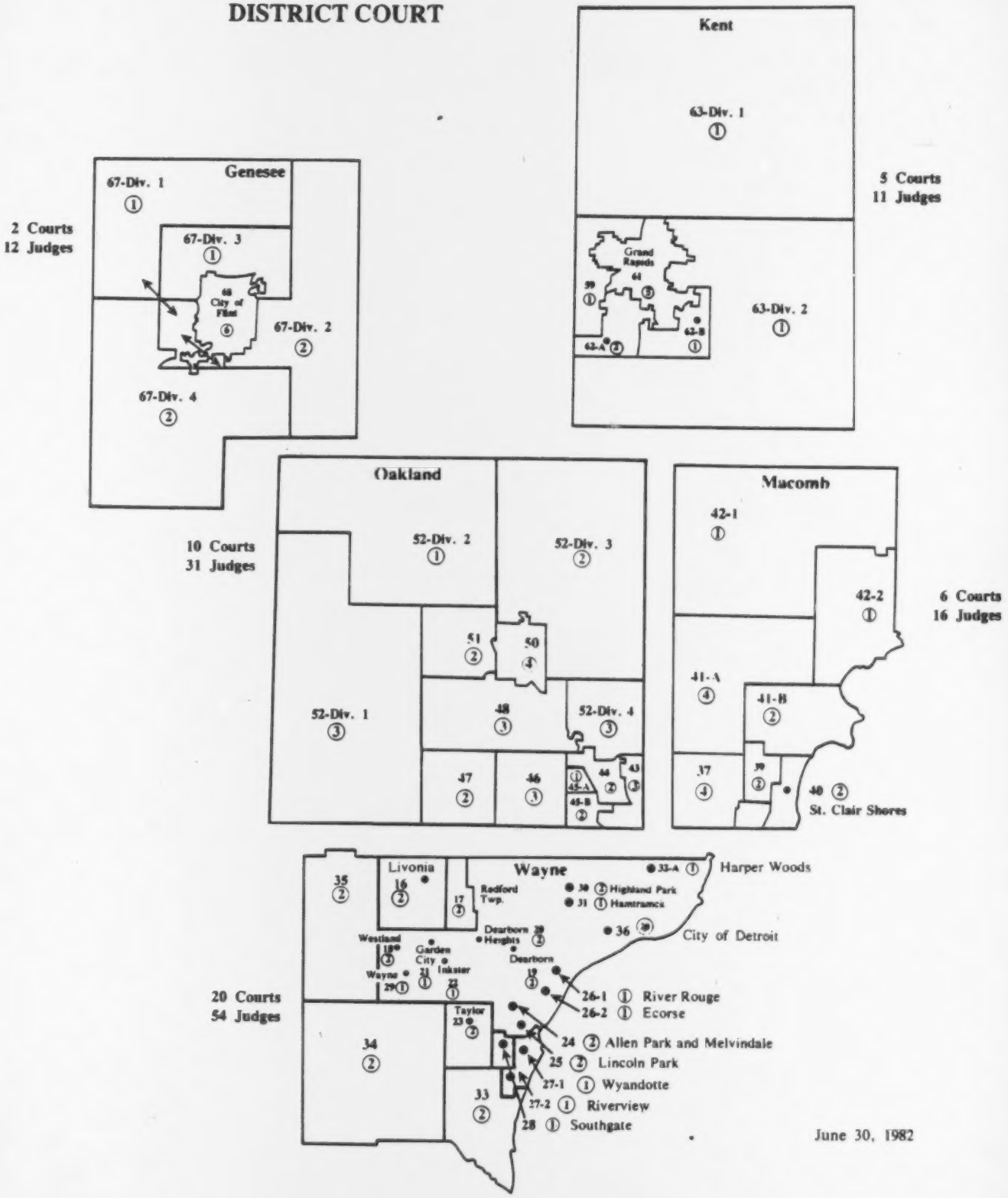
Legend
57 District Court
(1) Number District Court Judgeships

Number of District Courts	Judgeships
100	237

SHADED COUNTIES ARE SHOWN IN DETAIL ON REVERSE SIDE.

June 30, 1982

DISTRICT COURT



June 30, 1982

REPORT OF DISTRICT CASELOAD
STATEWIDE SUMMARY

	LINE	CRIMINAL: STATE OFFENSE: TRAFFIC	CRIMINAL: STATE OFFENSE: NON-TRAFFIC	CRIMINAL: ORDINANCE: TRAFFIC	CRIMINAL: ORDINANCE: NON-TRAFFIC	CIVIL: CIVIL INFRACTIONS	CIVIL: CIVIL	CIVIL: SMALL CLAIMS	CIVIL: SUMMARY PROC.	TOTALS
PENDING CASES AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR										
INACTIVE BENCH WARRANTS	10	12711	10494	24229	10060	2162	357	106	8	60127
INACTIVE: NON-SERVICE	20	35646	24363	50333	16765	7556	22364	11061	2437	170525
TOTAL (ADD LINES 10 AND 20)	30	48357	34857	74562	26825	9718	22721	11167	2445	230652
ACTIVE PENDING	40	37643	24429	39072	17765	88911	32328	12015	3910	256073
NEW CASES FILED THIS YEAR	50	137875	144619	147832	71495	1047379	107471	82599	61920	1801190
SUBTOTAL ACTIVE	60	175518	169048	186904	89260	1136290	139799	94614	65830	2057263
RE-OPENED CASES										
REMANDS FROM HIGHER COURTS	70	28	816	13	23	2	691	2	3	1578
PROBATION VIOLATIONS	80	1316	1924	1240	1124	0	0	0	0	5604
MISTRIALS	85	7	26	4	5	0	5	0	0	47
APPEARANCE AFTER BENCH WARRANT ISSUED	90	5819	5176	7097	4570	1969	157	63	1	24852
SERVICE MADE/ARRAIGNMENT	95	24812	31199	20583	12712	5840	54672	32860	13058	195736
APPEALS FROM MAGISTRATES	100	48	53	86	14	1700	0	0	0	1901
OTHER	105	2779	3844	2718	1845	14370	3220	1381	682	30839
SUBTOTAL (ADD LINES 70 THROUGH 100)	110	34809	43038	31741	20293	23881	58745	34306	13744	260557
TOTAL ACTIVE CASELOAD THIS YEAR (ADD LINES 60 AND 110)	120	210327	212086	218645	109553	1160171	198544	128920	79574	2317820
JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS										
GUILTY PLEAS	130	51173	45445	56715	30838	55150	0	0	0	239319
INFORMAL CIVIL HEARINGS BY JUDGE	140	0	0	0	0	25044	0	35	0	25079
FORMAL CIVIL HEARINGS BY JUDGE	145	0	0	0	0	7268	0	13	0	7281
TRIALS WITHOUT JURY	150	3616	3819	9019	5941	6	6540	16748	10247	55936
TRIALS BY JURY	155	720	1073	426	427	32	974	126	128	3906
DISMISSALS	160	16453	22296	19626	19005	64176	26621	23193	16094	207464
PRELIMINARY EXAMS WAIVED	170	485	12746	0	0	0	0	0	0	13233
PRELIMINARY EXAMS CONDUCTED	175	243	11699	0	0	0	0	0	0	11942
BENCH WARRANTS	180	7712	6261	8910	6976	2924	254	106	5	33148
NO PROGRESS	185	0	0	0	0	729	7213	3462	1382	12786
OTHER JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS	190	8239	7757	8374	5970	140390	62874	34528	31219	299351
SUBTOTAL (ADD LINES 130 THROUGH 190)	200	88641	111098	103070	69155	295719	104476	78211	59075	909445
OTHER DISPOSITIONS										
MAGISTRATES - GUILTY AND ADMISSIONS	210	38296	36274	21148	4842	183288	0	0	0	283848
MAGISTRATES - INFORMAL HEARINGS - CIVIL	215	0	0	0	0	28287	0	0	0	28287
TRAFFIC BUREAU	220	16884	4371	28629	5488	568196	0	0	0	623568
NON-SERVICE	230	22698	31128	20380	13327	11275	62231	37151	13508	211698
SUBTOTAL (ADD LINES 210 THROUGH 230)	240	77878	71773	70157	23657	791046	62231	37151	13508	1147401
TOTAL DISPOSITIONS (ADD LINES 200 AND 240)	250	166519	182871	173227	92812	1086765	166707	115362	72583	2056846
PENDING CASES AT THE END OF YEAR										
INACTIVE: BENCH WARRANTS (LINES 10 - 90 + 180)	260	14604	11579	26042	12466	3117	454	149	12	68423
INACTIVE: NON-SERVICE (LINES 20 - 95 + 230)	270	33532	24292	50130	17380	12991	29923	15352	2887	186487
ACTIVE PENDING (SUBTRACT LINE 250 FROM LINE 120)	280	43808	29215	45418	16741	73406	31837	13558	6991	260974
TOTAL CASES PENDING AT END OF YEAR(LINES 260+270+280)	290	91944	65086	121590	46587	89514	62214	29059	9890	515884
CIVIL CASES PENDING OVER 1 YEAR	300	0	0	0	0	2093	1450	85	44	3672

NOTE: The following Municipal Courts did not report: Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Shores, and Grosse Pointe Woods.

The Statewide Summary does not accurately reflect the total cases due to the inclusion of Grandville and Walker. They have been omitted from this section, however, their totals remain in the Summary.

REPORT OF MUNICIPAL COURT CASELOAD

STATEWIDE SUMMARY

	LINE	CRIMINAL: STATE OFFENSE: TRAFFIC	CRIMINAL: STATE OFFENSE: NON TRAFFIC	CRIMINAL: ORDINANCE: TRAFFIC	CRIMINAL: ORDINANCE: NON TRAFFIC	CIVIL: CIVIL INFRACTIONS	CIVIL: CIVIL	CIVIL: SMALL CLAIMS	CIVIL: SUMMARY PROC.	TOTALS
PENDING CASES AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR										
INACTIVE: BENCH WARRANTS	10	2	64	210	175	12	0	0	0	463
INACTIVE: NON-SERVICE	20	10	88	686	301	86	63	0	0	1234
TOTAL (ADD LINES 10 AND 20)	30	12	152	896	476	98	63	0	0	1697
ACTIVE PENDING	40	19	59	215	221	725	110	5	6	1360
NEW CASES FILED THIS YEAR	50	173	325	2410	1800	1010225	1013	98	189	1016233
SUBTOTAL ACTIVE	60	192	384	2625	2021	1010950	1123	103	195	1017593
RE-OPENED CASES										
REMANDS FROM HIGHER COURTS	70	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
PROBATION VIOLATIONS	80	7	10	11	20	0	0	0	0	48
MISTRIALS	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
APPEARANCE AFTER BENCH WARRANT ISSUED	90	7	19	160	103	1	0	0	0	290
SERVICE MADE/ARRAIGNMENT	95	18	12	270	129	21	464	0	0	914
APPEALS FROM MAGISTRATES	100	2	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	13
OTHER	105	1	5	0	0	0	22	0	0	28
SUBTOTAL (ADD LINES 70 THROUGH 100)	110	36	51	452	252	22	486	0	0	1299
TOTAL ACTIVE CASELOAD THIS YEAR (ADD LINES 60 AND 110)	120	228	435	3077	2273	1010972	1609	103	195	1018892
JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS										
GUILTY PLEAS	130	112	142	1373	1211	2093	0	0	0	4931
INFORMAL CIVIL HEARINGS BY JUDGE	140	0	0	0	0	154	0	0	0	154
FORMAL CIVIL HEARINGS BY JUDGE	145	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	18
TRIALS WITHOUT JURY	150	1	7	16	49	0	66	18	45	202
TRIALS BY JURY	155	2	1	8	6	0	0	0	1	18
DISMISSALS	160	15	30	230	442	504	321	31	86	1659
PRELIMINARY EXAMS WAIVED	170	3	81	0	0	0	0	0	0	84
PRELIMINARY EXAMS CONDUCTED	175	2	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	49
BENCH WARRANTS	180	18	39	109	157	0	1	0	0	384
NO PROGRESS	185	0	0	0	0	6	4	0	0	10
OTHER JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS	190	3	8	1	10	630	392	33	53	1130
SUBTOTAL (ADD LINES 130 THROUGH 190)	200	156	355	1797	1875	3405	784	82	185	8639
OTHER DISPOSITIONS										
MAGISTRATES - GUILTY AND ADMISSIONS	210	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	45
MAGISTRATES - INFORMAL HEARINGS - CIVIL	215	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAFFIC BUREAU	220	0	0	0	0	6832	0	0	0	6832
NON-SERVICE	230	11	0	327	143	0	755	0	0	1236
SUBTOTAL (ADD LINES 210 THROUGH 230)	240	11	0	372	143	6832	755	0	0	1008113
TOTAL DISPOSITIONS (ADD LINES 200 AND 240)	250	167	355	2169	2018	1010237	1539	82	185	1016752
PENDING CASES AT THE END OF YEAR										
INACTIVE: BENCH WARRANTS (LINES 10 - 90 + 180)	260	13	84	219	229	11	1	0	0	557
INACTIVE: NON-SERVICE (LINES 20 - 95 + 230)	270	3	76	743	315	65	354	0	0	1556
ACTIVE PENDING (SUBTRACT LINE 250 FROM LINE 120)	280	61	80	908	255	735	70	21	10	2140
TOTAL CASES PENDING AT END OF YEAR(LINES 260+270+280)	290	77	240	1870	799	811	425	21	10	4253
CIVIL CASES PENDING OVER 1 YEAR	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

MUNICIPAL

REGION 1

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK

	LINE	CRIMINAL				CIVIL				TOTALS
		STATE OFFENSE		ORDINANCE						
		TRAFFIC	NON TRAFFIC	TRAFFIC	NON TRAFFIC	CIVIL INFRACTIONS	CIVIL	SMALL CLAIMS	SUMMARY PROC.	
PENDING CASES AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR										
INACTIVE: BENCH WARRANTS	10	0	0	85	16	0	0	0	0	101
INACTIVE: NON-SERVICE	20	0	13	129	21	9	6	1	0	179
TOTAL (ADD LINES 10 AND 20)	30	0	13	214	37	9	6	1	0	280
ACTIVE PENDING	40	0	2	29	7	444	1	2	0	485
NEW CASES FILED THIS YEAR	50	1	43	222	172	1223	65	48	30	1804
SUBTOTAL ACTIVE	60	1	45	251	179	1667	66	50	30	2289
RE-OPENED CASES										
REMANDS FROM HIGHER COURTS	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PROBATION VIOLATIONS	80	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	3
MISTRIALS	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
APPEARANCE AFTER BENCH WARRANT ISSUED	90	0	2	20	6	21	0	0	0	49
SERVICE MADE/ARRAIGNMENT	95	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
APPEALS FROM MAGISTRATES	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	105	0	1	18	34	0	6	8	1	68
SUBTOTAL (ADD LINES 70 THROUGH 100)	110	0	4	39	41	21	6	8	1	120
TOTAL ACTIVE CASELOAD THIS YEAR (ADD LINES 60 AND 110)	120	1	49	290	220	1688	72	58	31	2409
JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS										
GUILTY PLEAS	130	1	2	70	38	123	0	0	0	234
INFORMAL CIVIL HEARINGS BY JUDGE	140	0	0	0	0	261	0	0	0	261
FORMAL CIVIL HEARINGS BY JUDGE	145	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	24
TRIALS WITHOUT JURY	150	0	0	40	12	0	8	12	10	82
TRIALS BY JURY	155	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DISMISSALS	160	0	1	6	20	66	6	6	3	108
PRELIMINARY EXAMS WAIVED	170	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
PRELIMINARY EXAMS CONDUCTED	175	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
BENCH WARRANTS	180	0	5	28	8	20	0	0	0	61
NO PROGRESS	185	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
OTHER JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS	190	0	0	20	15	265	22	38	26	386
SUBTOTAL (ADD LINES 130 THROUGH 190)	200	1	51	164	93	759	37	57	39	1201
OTHER DISPOSITIONS										
MAGISTRATES - GUILTY AND ADMISSIONS	210	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MAGISTRATES - INFORMAL HEARINGS - CIVIL	215	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAFFIC BUREAU	220	0	0	0	0	976	0	0	0	976
NON-SERVICE	230	0	0	0	0	0	7	4	0	11
SUBTOTAL (ADD LINES 210 THROUGH 230)	240	0	0	0	0	976	7	4	0	987
TOTAL DISPOSITIONS (ADD LINES 200 AND 240)	250	1	51	164	93	1735	44	61	39	2188
PENDING CASES AT THE END OF YEAR										
INACTIVE: BENCH WARRANTS (LINES 10 - 90 + 180)	260	0	3	93	18	-1	0	0	0	113
INACTIVE: NON-SERVICE (LINES 20 - 95 + 230)	270	0	13	129	21	9	13	5	0	190
ACTIVE PENDING (SUBTRACT LINE 250 FROM LINE 120)	280	0	-2	126	127	-47	28	-3	-8	221
TOTAL CASES PENDING AT END OF YEAR(LINES 260+270+280)	290	0	14	348	166	-39	41	2	-8	524
CIVIL CASES PENDING OVER 1 YEAR	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

REGION 2

MUNICIPAL

CITY OF EAST DETROIT

	LINE	CRIMINAL: STATE OFFENSE: TRAFFIC	CRIMINAL: STATE OFFENSE: NON TRAFFIC	CRIMINAL: ORDINANCE: TRAFFIC	CRIMINAL: ORDINANCE: NON TRAFFIC	CIVIL: CIVIL INFRACTIONS	CIVIL: CIVIL	CIVIL: SMALL CLAIMS	CIVIL: SUMMARY PROC.	TOTALS
PENDING CASES AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR										
INACTIVE: BENCH WARRANTS	10	0	54	122	110	0	0	0	0	286
INACTIVE: NON-SERVICE	20	0	64	253	156	0	63	0	0	536
TOTAL (ADD LINES 10 AND 20)	30	0	118	375	266	0	63	0	0	822
ACTIVE PENDING	40	0	37	187	173	456	101	0	3	957
NEW CASES FILED THIS YEAR	50	9	181	1114	1224	5892	942	0	47	9409
SUBTOTAL ACTIVE	60	9	218	1301	1397	6348	1043	0	50	10366
RE-OPENED CASES										
REMANDS FROM HIGHER COURTS	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PROBATION VIOLATIONS	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISTRIALS	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
APPEARANCE AFTER BENCH WARRANT ISSUED	90	0	0	57	58	0	0	0	0	115
SERVICE MADE/ARRAIGNMENT	95	0	0	123	122	0	464	0	0	709
APPEALS FROM MAGISTRATES	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	105	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
SUBTOTAL (ADD LINES 70 THROUGH 100)	110	0	0	180	180	0	466	0	0	826
TOTAL ACTIVE CASELOAD THIS YEAR (ADD LINES 60 AND 110)	120	9	218	1481	1577	6348	1509	0	50	1011192
JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS										
GUILTY PLEAS	130	0	42	565	818	604	0	0	0	2029
INFORMAL CIVIL HEARINGS BY JUDGE	140	0	0	0	0	77	0	0	0	77
FORMAL CIVIL HEARINGS BY JUDGE	145	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRIALS WITHOUT JURY	150	0	4	12	44	0	58	0	39	157
TRIALS BY JURY	155	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
DISMISSALS	160	0	16	74	340	503	282	0	10	1225
PRELIMINARY EXAMS WAIVED	170	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	39
PRELIMINARY EXAMS CONDUCTED	175	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
BENCH WARRANTS	180	0	31	65	96	0	0	0	0	192
NO PROGRESS	185	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS	190	0	1	0	7	630	363	0	1	1002
SUBTOTAL (ADD LINES 130 THROUGH 190)	200	0	169	717	1307	1814	703	0	50	4760
OTHER DISPOSITIONS										
MAGISTRATES - GUILTY AND ADMISSIONS	210	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MAGISTRATES - INFORMAL HEARINGS - CIVIL	215	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAFFIC BUREAU	220	0	0	0	0	4312	0	0	0	4312
NON-SERVICE	230	0	0	43	143	0	755	0	0	941
SUBTOTAL (ADD LINES 210 THROUGH 230)	240	0	0	43	143	4312	755	0	0	5253
TOTAL DISPOSITIONS (ADD LINES 200 AND 240)	250	0	169	760	1450	6126	1458	0	50	10013
PENDING CASES AT THE END OF YEAR										
INACTIVE: BENCH WARRANTS (LINES 10 - 90 + 180)	260	0	85	130	148	0	0	0	0	363
INACTIVE: NON-SERVICE (LINES 20 - 95 + 230)	270	0	64	173	177	0	354	0	0	768
ACTIVE PENDING (SUBTRACT LINE 250 FROM LINE 120)	280	9	49	721	127	222	51	0	0	1179
TOTAL CASES PENDING AT END OF YEAR(LINES 260+270+280)	290	9	198	1024	452	222	405	0	0	2310
CIVIL CASES PENDING OVER 1 YEAR	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Court of Claims

MICHIGAN COURT OF CLAIMS

The jurisdiction of the Court of Claims, except as otherwise provided by law, extends over claims and demands against the State or any of its departments, commissions, boards, institutions, arms or agencies. Any claimant may bring suit in the Court of Claims provided the claim is in excess of $100.00.

CASES PENDING AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		864
Cases Commenced During Year		552
Cases Remanded From Upper Courts		5
Cases Re-instated		14
TOTAL CASES TO BE DISPOSED OF		1,435
Consent Judgment	94	
Dismissed on Stipulation	72	
Dismissed on Motion	109	
Voluntary Dismissal	7	
Dismissed	5	
Settled	5	
Judgment for Plaintiff	23	
Judgment for Defendant	14	
Discontinued by Stipulation	14	
Dismissed for Lack of Progress	30	
Default Judgment for Plaintiff	3	
TOTAL CASES DISPOSED OF DURING YEAR		376
TOTAL CASES PENDING AT END OF YEAR		1,059
Cases Appealed to Court of Appeals During Year		15

Assignment of Judges

ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGES

The Michigan Constitution, 1963, Art. VI, Sec. 23 and RJA Sec. 225, 226, 306, 825, 829 and 8212, as amended, authorize assignment of judges from one court to another either by direct order of the Supreme Court or through the State Court Administrator.

Judicial vacancies occur during the year due to retirement, death, or serious illness which require an assignment to provide temporary assistance to a court which is experiencing a sudden increase in trial work or a series of lengthy trials. Assignments are also made when a court is behind in its work or when a case requires disqualification of a particular judge or an entire bench.

In most instances, assignments to the Court of Appeals or the Circuit, District, or Probate Courts are made without regard to whether the assigned judge regularly sits on that court. For example, it is not unusual for a Probate Judge to be assigned to a Circuit Court, District to Circuit, Circuit to Court of Appeals, etc. This flexibility provides more efficient use of the most precious commodity in court administration: judge time.

Assignments of retired or former judges to all courts except the probate court require expenditure of state funds for payment of the state portion of the assigned judge's compensation and expenses. The balance of the assigned judge's compensation is the responsibility of local governmental units and is paid from local funds.

Assignments of incumbent "sitting" judges to any court, and assignments of retired judges to the probate courts, are wholly funded under the law by the local governmental units and thus require no state expenditure.

ASSIGNMENTS - RETIRED OR FORMER JUDGES

	Court of Appeals	Circuit Court	Recorder's Court	District Court	Probate Court	Municipal Court	Court of Claims	Total
Region 1	1	43	31	42	41	4	0	162
Region 2	0	18	0	26	34	0	0	78
Region 3	0	46	0	14	27	0	0	87
Region 4	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
Region 5	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4
Total	1	108	31	86	103	4	0	333

ASSIGNMENT - ACTIVE JUDGES

	Court of Appeals	Circuit Court	Recorder's Court	District Court	Probate Court	Municipal Court	Court of Claims	Total
Region 1	22	97	7	116	78	4	0	324
Region 2	0	149	0	181	116	2	0	448
Region 3	25	286	0	271	116	0	89	787
Region 4	0	183	0	117	124	0	0	424
Region 5	0	138	0	141	307	0	0	586
Total	47	853	7	826	741	6	89	2569

Marriage assignments for the period of January through June, 1982 were logged separately from the main body of assignments, therefore the total assignments of 2,569 is increased by 255 for a final total of 3,157.

Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission

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Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission

COMMISSION PURPOSE

The Judicial Tenure Commission was created by constitutional amendment in 1968, (Mich Const, Art VI, Sec 30) in response to a need for a less cumbersome method than impeachment for the removal of unfit judges. The electorate was also satisfied that a more effective procedure was required to discipline and correct the conduct of judges who, while not engaging in activity warranting removal, nevertheless adversely effected the proper administration of justice and the essential confidence it must generate.

The Commission by its presence and public activity contributes to better public understanding of the judicial process and better judicial performance. Through the confidentiality of its private investigations and deliberations, minor grievances can be reviewed and remedied without media attention.

The Commission is comprised of nine members who serve, without pay, for terms of three years. The Commission employs an Executive Director and seven permanent or part-time staff members to perform its required work. Staff members investigate all grievances and act as examiners in presenting formal complaints at Commission hearings.

COMMISSION PROCEDURE

The Commission has the authority to review written grievances which allege misconduct or disability and, after a preliminary investigation of the facts and circumstances, can then determine whether a formal complaint should be filed against a judge. The Commission is further empowered to conduct a public hearing before itself or an appointed Master. Thereafter, the Commission may recommend to the Supreme Court, where appropriate, that a judge be either censured, suspended with or without salary, retired or removed from office.

A judge shall be found guilty of misconduct if:

(a) The judge is convicted of a felony.

(b) The judge persistently fails to perform judicial duties.

(c) The judge is habitually intemperate by appearing in court under the influence of alcohol.

(d) The judge's conduct is clearly prejudicial to the administration of justice.

(e) The judge is persistently incompetent or neglectful in the performance of his judicial duties.

Additionally, a judge shall be removable from office for physical or mental disability which prevents the performance of his duties for a substantial period of time.

It is important to clarify that the Commission does not function as an appellate court to review judicial decisions for factual or legal errors. Further, it does not have the power to investigate or discipline attorneys, federal judges, court personnel, members of the legislature, prosecutors or police officers. It may not give legal advice to citizens or represent clients, although it will refer persons to other agencies where appropriate. The Commission's jurisdiction is limited to misconduct, as defined by the Code of Judicial Conduct and the Code of Professional Responsibility.

The Constitution and Court Rules safeguard the confidentiality of all grievances and their investigation except as to the parties involved.

Prior to the filing of a formal complaint, neither Commissioner nor staff member may disclose the existence or contents of an investigation. An exception may occur when, in the public interest, the Commission may issue a public statement confirming a pending investigation, or a completed investigation resulting in insufficient evidence for filing a complaint.

After a formal complaint is filed, it is a matter of public record and all subsequent proceedings are conducted in open public hearings.

The Commission must determine initially whether a grievance appears to be valid and well-founded and alleges facts indicating misconduct or disability. This is accomplished through preliminary inquiry by the staff. Many grievances are dismissed at this stage as without sufficient merit.

If the grievance proves to have substance, the judge under investigation receives notice of the allegations and is given a reasonable opportunity to respond. Thereafter, the Commission must consider the judge's reply and determine whether or not to bring formal charges by the filing of a formal complaint.

On grievances of a relatively minor nature, the Commission may dismiss the grievance and privately caution a judge with respect to his conduct, or, under appropriate circumstances, enter a recommendation of private censure with the Supreme Court. An order of private censure must be kept secret and confidential.

If, as a result of a formal hearing, misconduct is established, the Commission must submit its own decision regarding the case and recommend suitable discipline to the Supreme Court. Upon a review of the entire record, the Court may accept, reject or modify the recommendation of the Commission.

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Summary of Grievances Considered

The information contained in this Report covers the period from July 1, 1981 to June 30, 1982.

Since its inception, the Commission has opened 2,285 files concerning grievances against judicial officers, 319 of which were received during the past year. During the current reporting year, 351 grievances reached final disposition, resulting in a year-end case load of 40 pending grievances.

Grievance Sources

There were 319 grievances filed with the Commission in the course of the current period, which originated from the following sources:

244	Litigants
42	Nonlitigating Citizens
1	Judge
5	Court Personnel
13	Private Attorneys
1	Public Official
2	Supreme Court Administrative Office Referrals
15	Attorney Grievance Commission Referrals
1	Judicial Tenure Commission
324*	Total

Subject Matter of Grievances

There were 351 grievances disposed of by the Commission in the course of the current period, which complained of the following matters:

40	Courtroom Demeanor
1	Intemperance
11	Conflict of Interest
111	Prejudice or Partiality
15	Criminal Conviction or Activity
18	Failure to Perform, Incompetence or Neglect
97	Review of Merits of the Case
5	Personal Misconduct
13	Procedural or Administrative Irregularity
15	Attorney Misconduct
17	Review of Legal Ruling
4	Undue Delay
4	Miscellaneous
351	

*The total figure reflects the fact that several grievances were filed by more than one grievant.

Dispositional Breakdown

There were 351 grievances processed to completion by the Commission during the current period, the ultimate determination of which was as follows:

10	Lack of Jurisdiction to Investigate
27	Complaint Unsubstantiated
161	Frivolous or Unfounded
117	Should be Matter for Appellate Review
6	Judge Corrected Problem
25	Commission Made Recommendation to Supreme Court After Formal Proceedings
3	Private Admonition to Judge
2	Other
351	Total

Of this total number, 240 grievances were dismissed without investigation.

Category of Judge Complained Against

2	Federal
1	Court of Appeals
117	Circuit
48	Recorder's Court
53	Probate
115	District
18	Municipal
3	Traffic Court Referees
5	Retired
3	Administrative Law Judges
1	Juvenile Court Referee
1	Deceased
367**	Total

**The total figure reflects the fact that several grievances concerned more than one judge.

Analysis of Data:

Some brief conclusions can be drawn upon an examination of the above grievance data:

(1) 70 to 80% of all grievances are either obviously unfounded or frivolous on their face or prove so after preliminary inquiry. The usual grievance of this type comes from a dissatisfied litigant who has accused the judge of partiality or disregard of the law in the case, but who points to no substantiating evidence. Such person is advised of the proper appellate remedy.

(2) Numerous grievances are received from litigants in divorce or custody matters, from criminal defendants, and from parties to small claims actions. A common assertion made is that the judge failed to give the parties a fair hearing in the case. Judges might profitably reexamine their attitude and demeanor toward lawyers and litigants and, where necessary, take more care to arrive at sound judgments, make their decisions and explain the reasons for their rulings with as little display of personal feeling as possible.

(3) It should be noted that the Commission has determined that it lacks jurisdiction to review grievances against administrative law judges or administrative hearing officers since they are civil servants employed within the executive branch of government and not judicial officers as defined in General Court Rule 932.

Action Taken in the Reporting Period

The Commission experienced a continuing increase in the receipt of requests for investigation during the period, with the filing of a record 319 grievances as noted. Additionally, 801 Request for Investigation forms were mailed to aggrieved parties in response to written or telephone inquiries. Many general questions regarding the judiciary and the discipline process were also answered.

Michigan Attorney Grievance Commission

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State of Michigan

Attorney Grievance Commission

October 1, 1981 - September 30, 1982

The Michigan Attorney Grievance Commission was created by the Supreme Court, effective October 1, 1978. Along with the simultaneously created Attorney Discipline Board, the Commission succeeeded the State Bar Grievance Board, which thereby expired. The Commission, pursuant to GCR 1963, 957.1, is the prosecution arm of the Supreme Court for the discharge of its constitutional responsibility to supervise and discipline Michigan attorneys. The offices of the Commission are located at Suite 600, Marquette Building, 243 W. Congress, Detroit, Michigan, 48226.

The Attorney Grievance Commission consists of seven persons who serve without compensation and are appointed as follows:

Three lawyers appointed by the Supreme Court; two public members appointed by the Supreme Court; two lawyers appointed by the Board of Commissioners of the State Bar of Michigan.

COMMISSION PROCEDURE

Chapter 95 of the General Court Rules governs the conduct of attorney disciplinary proceedings.

Grievances filed against attorneys are denominated "requests for investigation." Any person may file a request for investigation with the Grievance Administrator and the Grievance Administrator may file his own request for investigation where necessary. The filing of a request for investigation initiates the grievance process.

Following the filing of a request for investigation, the Grievance Administrator must determine whether there exists a prima facie allegation of professional misconduct, i.e. a violation of General Court Rule 953. The Grievance Administrator may reject the request for investigation, or he may conduct an investigation. Upon conclusion of the investigation, the Administrator recommends to the Commission that (1) the matter should be closed as there is not provable evidence of professional misconduct sufficient to sustain the burden of proof at a disciplinary proceeding, or (2) that authorization should be granted for the issuance of a formal complaint.

In the Commission's last fiscal year, October 1, 1981 to September 30, 1982, 3,112 requests for investigation were filed, as opposed to 3,015 for the previous year. This represents a continuation of receipt of grievances in excess of 3,000 which first occurred in the 1979-1980 fiscal year. The rate of intake is still far in excess of that which was experienced in previous years. In the fiscal year 1978-1979, for example, 2,578 grievances were filed.

Of the 3,112 grievances received, 1,816 were rejected by the Grievance Administrator pursuant to GCR 1963, 961.3; 911 were closed by the Commission pursuant to GCR 1963, 963.1(2); 176 were closed administratively; 194 resulted in confidential admonishments; and 210 were authorized by the Commission for formal proceedings. There was a decrease in the pending investigative caseload from 487 at the beginning of the period to 392 as of September 30, 1982. The investigative caseload is virtually current, with an average turnover time for receipt of a request for investigation to investigatory disposition of 90 days. Representing only 12.59% of the total annual intake, the pending investigative caseload is at an acceptably manageable level, and compares more than favorably with other jurisdictions across the country.

Assisting the full-time professional staff in the investigation function are some 200 volunteer investigators. The volunteer investigators are members of the State Bar of Michigan who perform pro bono on behalf of the Commission, and who are reimbursed only for actual out-of-pocket expenses. Approximately 10% of the formal investigations are referred to the volunteer investigators.

In prosecuting formal complaints before Hearing Panels of the Attorney Discipline Board (the Supreme Court's adjudicative agency for attorney discipline) the Administrator and his professional staff are assisted by some 150 volunteer counsel, who, like the volunteer investigators, are members of the State Bar of Michigan who donate their service to the Commission. Approximately 4.65% of the litigated matters are referred to volunteer counsel.

LITIGATION

Upon authorization by the members of the Commission, the Grievance Administrator causes a complaint to be prepared and filed with the Attorney Discipline Board. The Grievance Administrator is the party-petitioner to every formal charge of misconduct.

Hearings on charges of misconduct are held before three-lawyer hearing panels of the Attorney Discipline Board. The hearings are open to the public. The Grievance Administrator is required to prove his case by a preponderance of the evidence and the respondent may retain counsel, cross-examine witnesses proferred by the Administrator, and present evidence in his own behalf. The practice and procedure employed in non-jury civil cases are applicable to disciplinary proceedings as are the Michigan Rules of Evidence.

Upon conclusion of the hearings, if the panel finds that the Administrator has failed to prove misconduct by a preponderance of the evidence, the case against the respondent must be dismissed. If the panel concludes that professional misconduct has been proven by a preponderance of the evidence, the panel must enter an order of discipline, which may consist of a reprimand, probation, suspension or disbarment. A suspension or disbarment disqualifies the respondent from the practice of law, whereas a reprimand is in the nature of a public censure. Probation is in the nature of a supervised reprimand. All discipline in Michigan is a matter of public record. (The admonishment issued by the Commission is confidential and is an administrative warning not constituting discipline.)

Any party may appeal an order of a hearing panel as of right to the Attorney Discipline Board, and may seek leave to appeal to the Supreme Court from an order of the Attorney Discipline Board.

FUNDING

On a dollar per grievance basis, the Michigan expenditures for discipline are on the low end of the scale compared to other major states. Total expenditures for discipline for both the Commission and the Board represent only 22.4% of the State Bar's budget, with the Commission's share being 16.1% and the Board's share being 6.3%. Nevertheless, Michigan statistics on dispositions of requests for investigation and also on discipline imposed are more than favorably comparable with the several jurisdictions which spend much more money on their disciplinary operations. On a dollar-for-dollar basis, Michigan gets more production from its expenditures than virtually any other jurisdiction in the United States.

The expenses of the Attorney Grievance Commission for the fiscal year, October 1, 1981 - September 30, 1982 as certified by the State Bar were $547,686. Pursuant to General Court Rule 954, the entire expense of the Commission were paid by the State Bar of Michigan. No public tax dollars were employed in the funding of the Commission's operations.

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Attorney Grievance Commission

Activity Report
October 1, 1980 - September 30, 1981

I. Investigations:

A.	Files pending at beginning of period	487
B.	New files opened	3,112
C.	Rejected pursuant to GCR 961.3	1,816
D.	Closed pursuant to GCR 963.1(2)	811
E.	Closed administratively	176
F.	Closed with admonishment	194
G.	Authorized for formal complaint	210
H.	Total files disposed of during period	3,207
I.	Investigative files at end of period	392

II. Litigation:

Final Dispositions During Period:

1.	Disbarred	11
2.	Suspended 3 years or more	4
3.	Suspended more than 120 days but less than 3 years	17
4.	Suspended less than 121 days	27
5.	Total suspended	48
6.	Reprimanded	17
7.	Probation	0
8.	Total Final Disciplines	76

State Appellate Defender

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STATE APPELLATE DEFENDER OFFICE

TOTAL NEW ASSIGNMENTS	7/1/81 to	6/30/82	820
TOTAL ACTIVE CASES	as of	6/30/82	1,283
TOTAL CASES CLOSED	7/1/81 to	6/30/82	735
TOTAL CASES PROCESSED	7/1/81 to	6/30/82	2,018

LAST ACTION ON CASES OPEN 7/1/81 to 6/30/82

I. TRIAL COURT

Cases assigned to SADO, no claim filed - transcript not received	80
Cases assigned to SADO, no claim filed - transcript received	55
Motion New Trial with supporting Memorandum of Law	13
Remanded, hearing/decision pending	11
Motion Resentence	7
Motion Vacate Plea/Conviction/Sentence	2
Leave case - no action	1
Motion Summary Judgment	1
Prosecutor Appeal - no action	1
TOTAL	171

II. COURT OF APPEALS

Claim filed - transcript received	281
Brief filed	279
Oral Argument had	164
Claim filed - no transcript	112
Motion Remand/Resentencing	13
Remanded, jurisdiction retained	8
Remanded, decision pending (Michigan Supreme Court)	6
Application for Delayed Appeal pending	5
Motion Rehearing/Reconsideration	5
Stipulation/Motion Dismiss pending	3
Supplemental Brief	2
Motion Peremptory Reversal	2
Motion Clarification	1
TOTAL	881

III. SUPREME COURT

Application for Leave to Appeal with Brief	154
Application for Leave to Appeal - Order holding in abeyance	25
Leave granted - Oral Argument had	15
Application for Leave to Appeal (Prosecutor appeal)	9
Cases assigned to SADO - transcript received	7
Prosecutor Answer to Show Cause	5
Leave granted, brief filed	3
Leave granted, no action this year	2
Application for Reconsideration	2
TOTAL	222

IV. UNITED STATES COURTS - DISTRICT/APPEALS/SUPREME

Petition Writ of Habeas Corpus	3
Motion for Leave to Proceed In Forma Pauperis	2
Brief filed	1
Motion Dismiss	1
Notice of Appeal	1
Reply to Attorney General's Brief	1
TOTAL	9

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STATE APPELLATE DEFENDER OFFICE

ACTIVITY ON CASES CLOSED 7/1/81 to 6/30/82

I. TRIAL COURT

Substitute counsel appointed		46
Motion Resentence granted/denied		18
Reversed Plea/Sentence/Conviction		17
Dismissed by motion/stipulation		14
Appointment vacated/terminated		9
Motion New Trial granted/denied		5
	TOTAL	107

II. COURT OF APPEALS

Regular disposition		345
Appeal dismissed by stipulation/motion		88
Rehearing denied		8
Application for Delayed Appeal denied		4
SADO Motion Withdraw as counsel granted		2
	TOTAL	447

III. SUPREME COURT

Leave denied - SADO/Prosecutor		121
Reversed and remanded		34
Reconsideration denied		12
Appointment vacated		2
Other disposition		8
	TOTAL	177

IV. UNITED STATES COURTS - DISTRICT/APPEALS/SUPREME

Writ of habeas corpus denied		2
Motion to Dismiss Granted		1
Affirmed		1
	TOTAL	4

FILINGS BY SADO 7/1/81 to 6/30/82

COURT	Closed Cases	Open Cases	Reporting Year Total
I. TRIAL COURT	44	98	142
II. COURT OF APPEALS	379	1,434	1,813
III. SUPREME COURT	104	222	326
IV. UNITED STATES COURTS	8	13	21
TOTAL	535	1,767	2,302

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STATE APPELLATE DEFENDER OFFICE

DISPOSITION OF ALL CASES CLOSED
SINCE THE 1970 FORMATION OF THE STATE APPELLATE DEFENDER OFFICE

I. TRIAL COURT

Assigned in error, improper assignment, etc.	35
Assigned to advise client only	1
Withdrew as counsel	38
Client retained own counsel	16
Client missing, no possible action	2
Case dismissed	31
Appeal withdrawn	29
Client released on habeas corpus	1
SADO withdrew as counsel by request/appointed returned	60
Substitute counsel appointed	120
Final disposition reached	304
TOTAL	635

II. COURT OF APPEALS

Client retained own counsel	4
Client missing, deceased	11
SADO motion to withdraw as counsel granted	227
Prosecutor's motion to dismiss appeal granted	2
Application for Delayed Appeal denied	50
Confession of error by prosecutor	2
Appeal dismissed as moot	7
Appeal dismissed by motion or stipulation	658
Appeal dismissed for lack of progress	1
Final disposition reached	2,556
TOTAL	3,518

III. SUPREME COURT

SADO removed as counsel, client found not indigent	3
Withdrew as counsel	5
Client withdrew appeal	3
Case dismissed - client missing	3
Appointment vacated	32
Appeal dismissed	8
Prosecutor's leave granted	35
SADO/Prosecutor leave denied	982
Disposition by Supreme Court on plea cases for Court of Appeals	10
SADO leave granted - client retained own counsel	5
Final disposition reached	413
TOTAL	1,499

IV. UNITED STATES COURTS

Writ of habeas corpus denied	8
Writ of certiorari by prosecutor granted	3
Writ of certiorari by prosecutor denied	5
Substitute counsel appointed	1
Final disposition reached	5
TOTAL	22

TOTAL FINAL DISPOSITIONS 5,674